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## 'From my heart to yours'

Mourning father receives letters showing how daughter's spirit lives on

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Mike Hudson holds his late daughter Danielle's cat Polo, which provides comfort for him today.

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## Weekend forecast: all sunshine

### WEATHER

**Temperature to hit high 20s as parlours ready their ice cream**



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Few things scream "summer" more than ice cream.

But with the recent damp, chilly weather, Nova Scotians can't be blamed for avoiding the ice cream and reaching for the hot chocolate instead.

Cue this coming weekend, expected to be sunshine-filled with temperatures in the mid-to high twenties.

"It has definitely been a bit of a slow start with the weather being all funny, but we still have been pretty steady given the cruise ships that come to town," Paige Pedersen, retail manager at Sugah Confectionery & Ice Cream Emporium, said Thursday.

Pedersen said her employees were already busy preparing for this weekend's expected burst of warm and sunny weather.

"We're getting our second freezer fired up, so we are making sure we have enough ice cream to make everybody happy," she said.

At Dee Dee's Ice Cream, employee Gabby Riefes said Thursday the weather hasn't really impacted business because they have many regular customers who still want their ice cream fix.

This weekend's summery



Cole Taylor, 5, makes a face for the camera while enjoying some ice cream from the Manual Food & Drink Co.'s new Dairy Bar on South Park Street. JEFF HARPER/METRO

forecast couldn't have been served up at a better time for Emma Adamski.

On Thursday, she opened the doors to her new business,



**We're getting our second freezer fired up, so we are making sure we have enough ice cream.** Paige Pedersen

Manual Food & Drink Co. Dairy Bar. She's expecting business to be brisk this weekend now that the weather is supposed to co-operate.

### + SUMMER TIME!

Summer officially begins in Halifax on June 20 at 7:34 p.m.

"It's our first business ever and I guess where we're kind of dependent on weather; we lucked out pretty hard on this weekend being nice," Adamski said.

"We're trying to channel the old school dairy bar vibe but take it up a notch with some of our toppings."

It's not in your head; this June has been a bit dismal.

There are still two weeks left, but up to June 16 this month has been a pretty chilly one weather-wise.

"So far for this month we have been below normal," Environment Canada meteorologist Tracey Talbot said Thursday.

Talbot said a normal high for Halifax in June is 20.4 degrees, a normal low is 9.7 degrees, and the average for June is 15.1 degrees.

So far this June, she said we are "well below normal in all of those."

The high so far is 15.9 degrees, the low is 8.1 degrees and the average temperature to date is 12 degrees.

"The forecast for the summer is basically still looking at a trend of above normal temps for the summer season," Talbot said.

"We'll start to see the sun on Friday and it will continue right through the weekend and temperatures will pick up throughout the weekend."

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## THINGS TO DO IN HALIFAX THIS WEEKEND

From queer film to road hockey and theatre, there's a lot to do in Halifax over the weekend. The annual OUTeast film fest, car races, theatre festival, and street hockey make for a great Father's Day weekend.

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## 1 Dad's day

Cars and BBQ, fathers of Halifax? Memory Lane Heritage Village grounds on Clam Harbour Road hosts an antique vehicle show with models before the 1950s and 1989 for participants. Gates open at 10 a.m. with a \$5 fee, children under 12 are \$2. Head to the Westin Nova Scotian for their Brunch, BBQ and Kitchen Party including a food truck outside from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Father's Day Hotline for reservations at (902) 496-7985. Tickets are \$39, while kids aged six to 11 are \$19.50 and those under five eat free.



## 4 To the streets

The most epic street hockey tournament, Play On!, is back at the Halifax Common, at the Emera Oval, and closes down Cogswell and Trollope streets to create 55 "rinks" with games running at all times through Saturday and Sunday. The Hockey Night in Canada event features about 550 teams and over 4,200 participants, with divisions for both genders, skill levels and ages. Register and check schedules at [playon.ca/events/halifax](http://playon.ca/events/halifax). Team fees range from \$295 for youth to \$760 for corporate groups.



## 2 Go OUT

Organizers of the fifth annual OUTeast Queer Film Festival say it's been a challenging week for the LGBTQ community in light of the Orlando shooting, making it doubly important for everyone to "come together in safety and celebration." Films focus on activism, queer history, and the marginalization of trans people of colour. The documentaries Kiki and Strike a Pose showcase dance, and life after Madonna for the young men who joined her iconic Blond Ambition tour. Runs June 16 through 19; go to [outeastfilm.com](http://outeastfilm.com) for a schedule and tickets range from \$12 to \$15.

## 5 Race weekend

Do you feel the need for speed? The Parts for Trucks Pro Stock Tour returns to Scotia Speedworld this Saturday evening from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the fast-paced Nova Truck Centres Make-A-Wish 150. The site is across from the Halifax airport. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$5 for youth, and pit admission is \$30. Children under seven are free. Tickets are available at the gates on race day, cash only.



## 3 All the city's a stage

Tales of relationships (She Said/He Said), what it means to feel "from away" when back home (Charlie Blake's Boat) and the women behind James Joyce and Sigmund Freud (Unconscious at the Sistine Chapel) are just some of the multiple plays and stories in the spotlight for the annual STAGES Theatre Festival running June 15 to 26. Kids also will enjoy plays from NextSTAGES Theatre Festival for Families. Go to [easternfronttheatre.com](http://easternfronttheatre.com) for tickets, locations, and a schedule.



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# 'She is in many places at once ... I know she's always with me'

## ROAD DEATH

### Father of crash victim gets lift from stories of organ recipients



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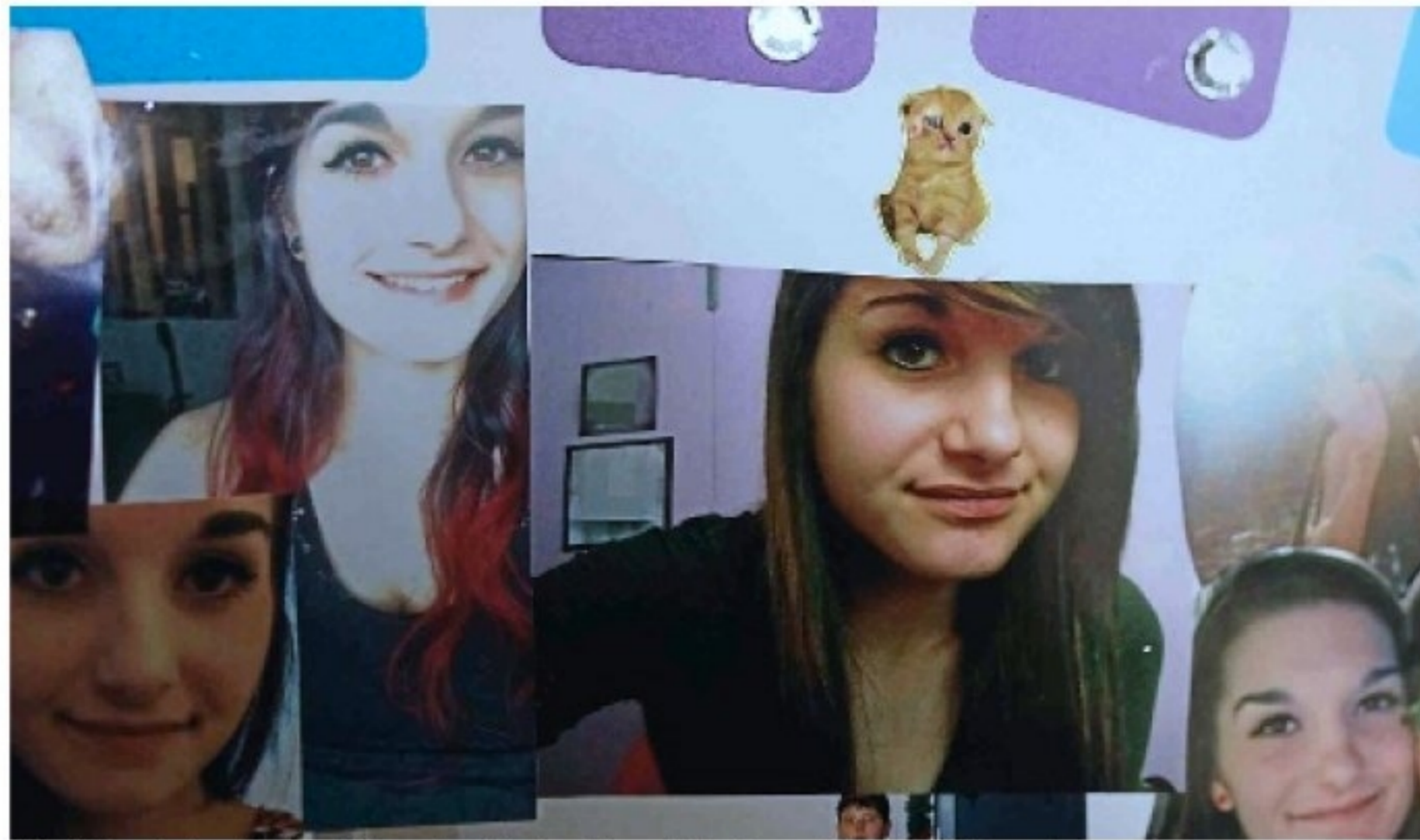
Eight months after a car crash claimed the life of his daughter Danielle, Mike Hudson is focusing on the legacy she left behind.

"I got two letters from women — one who received (Danielle's) liver and the other who received her heart. So I have those things to concentrate on, the good things that she's still doing," Hudson said Thursday.

"I just got the heart letter a week ago. It said 'From my heart to yours, Danielle and I go for walks every day. Danielle and I are going to yoga soon.' It's really nice to know a part of her is out there doing those things."

The crash that claimed Danielle's life also claimed the life of a 21-year-old Beaver Bank man. A 19-year-old woman was also injured.

On Wednesday, police said the 22-year-old Beaver Bank man who was driving the vehicle during last October's collision is now facing several charges.



Mike Hudson's daughter Danielle was just 22 when she was killed in a collision just eight months ago. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Those charges include two counts each of impaired operation of a motor vehicle causing death and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death.

"(Wednesday's) news opened the wounds. I heard the news at 11 a.m. going into Timmies and my heart hurt a little bit and it was weird," Hudson said.

"I don't think he (the driver) did his share in trying to help

himself and so to me, he's on his own.

"I won't do anything to hurt him, but good luck."

Hudson said grief counselling has helped him deal with the loss of his 22-year-old daughter. He copes by avoid-

ing news about the driver and the crash.

"I don't want to know when he goes to court, I don't want to know anything. Sorry. I don't mean to be rude. I'm recovering," he said.

Describing his daughter as

a beautiful soul who always wanted to help people, Hudson is comforted to know her donated organs have saved the lives of others. He said following her death, many of his daughter's friends also signed donor cards.

He wants to eventually meet the women who sent him letters about receiving Danielle's heart and liver, and he hopes to hear from whoever received

her lungs and kidneys.

The idea of speaking with them gives him joy.

"I'd like to know where my daughter is. Well, beyond with me. She is in many places at once. I know she's always with me," he said.

"I have a picture of her in my car, an 8x10. It's in my backseat so when I go to open my door and look in the backseat, she's looking at me."

## + TOUGH TALK

### Father insists he just wants to move on

Mike Hudson said the only animosity he has is towards people who feel the need to talk to him about how "loaded" the driver was.

"I don't want to be walking down to the mall or going into Sobeys or into the gym and someone saying again 'I knew he was loaded.' So freaking what," Hudson said Thursday.

"I lost a daughter. I just want to move on."

The driver of the vehicle, who faces charges including impaired driving and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death, is scheduled to appear in Dartmouth provincial court July 27.

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**"I don't think he did his share in trying to help ... he's on his own."**  
Mike Hudson on the driver facing charges

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# Hurricanes look to break even

SPORTS

**Owners remain 'optimistic' team will hit ticket goal**



**Zane Woodford**  
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While the team still isn't profitable, the Halifax Hurricanes organization is reviewing its finances, and it looks like the team will be back to try to reclaim the championship next season.

One of the team's owners, and CEO of polling firm Corporate Research Associates, Don Mills, said Thursday that the organization is "cautiously optimistic" that after this season's championship win, more sponsors and ticket sales will come out of the woodwork.

"What we did this year is we focused a lot on the corporate community, and used our networks to fill out the court-



The Halifax Hurricanes celebrate after winning the NBL Canada championship at the Scotiabank Centre. The Hurricanes defeated the London Lightning 125-117 in Game 7 to win the title.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

side seats especially," he said. "Those are the most expensive seats and obviously brought in the most revenue, so we focused a lot of our attention on getting our friends in the business community to pur-

chase season tickets, so that worked out very well."

Mills said the team sold about 600 season tickets for this season, which he believes is quadruple what the now-defunct Halifax Rainmen sold the

year before, and the second-most of any team in the National Basketball League.

"Hopefully there will be a lot more people who are prepared to put their money down, having seen the suc-



**We focused a lot on the corporate community, and used our networks to fill out the courtside seats especially.**

Don Mills

cess we've had this year, for lower bowl season tickets as well," he said.

Asked whether the tickets — priced at between \$20.75 and \$53.50 for adults, and at \$9.75 for kids 12 and under — are too expensive, Mills said he believes they're competitive.

"Our ticket prices are very close to the same as the Mooseheads, so we don't think we need to price our tickets any lower," he said.

"They're an amateur team, they're not a professional team; they're not paying their players. We have to have a reasonable return on our tickets."

He said the team would be reviewing ticket prices before next season, however, to compare their prices to other teams in the league.

The team will also need to secure more sponsorship

deals for next season, something Mills said the team found "tough" for this season because of the way the last basketball team in Halifax folded. The Rainmen declared bankruptcy last year after forfeiting the championship game citing safety concerns.

Mills believes this past season has shown a level of professionalism above that of the Rainmen, and said he's hopeful that the team will hit its goal of 1,000 season tickets next season and break even.

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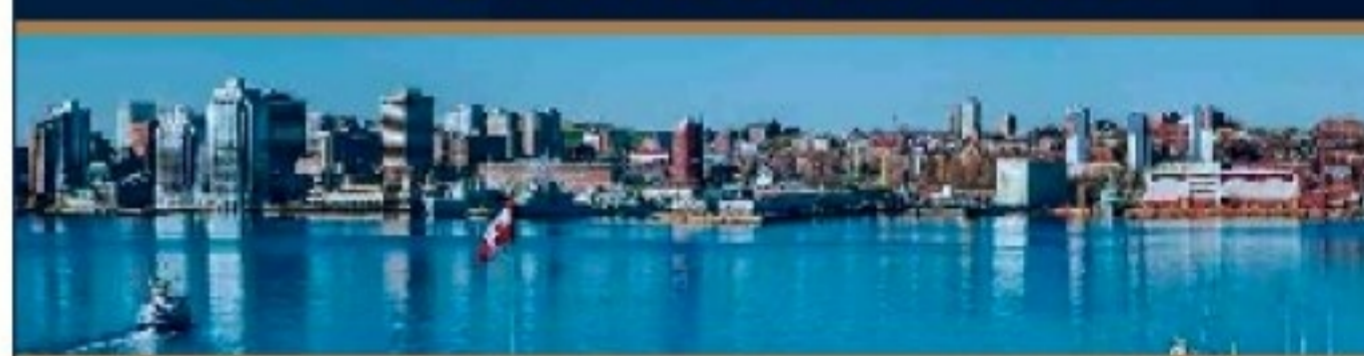
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## POLICE

**Cyclist hit by vehicle**

Police are investigating after a cyclist was struck by a vehicle in Halifax.

Police said they were called to a collision between a vehicle and a cyclist around 5 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Bayers Road and Rowe Avenue.

When they arrived, police found a 36-year-old woman who was complaining about injuries she had sustained after being struck by a vehicle at that very inter-

section.

Police said they spoke to the 21-year-old female who was driving the vehicle that struck the cyclist and they interviewed witnesses in the area.

The cyclist was transported by ambulance to hospital to receive treatment for her injuries.

Police said as of Thursday morning the incident was still under investigation.

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## ROADS

**Pedestrian struck, driver ticketed**

A driver was ticketed by police Wednesday after a pedestrian was struck in a crosswalk.

Police said officers were called to Joseph Howe Drive at Highway 102 around 7 p.m. after a witness reported that a pedestrian had been hit by a vehicle while in a crosswalk.

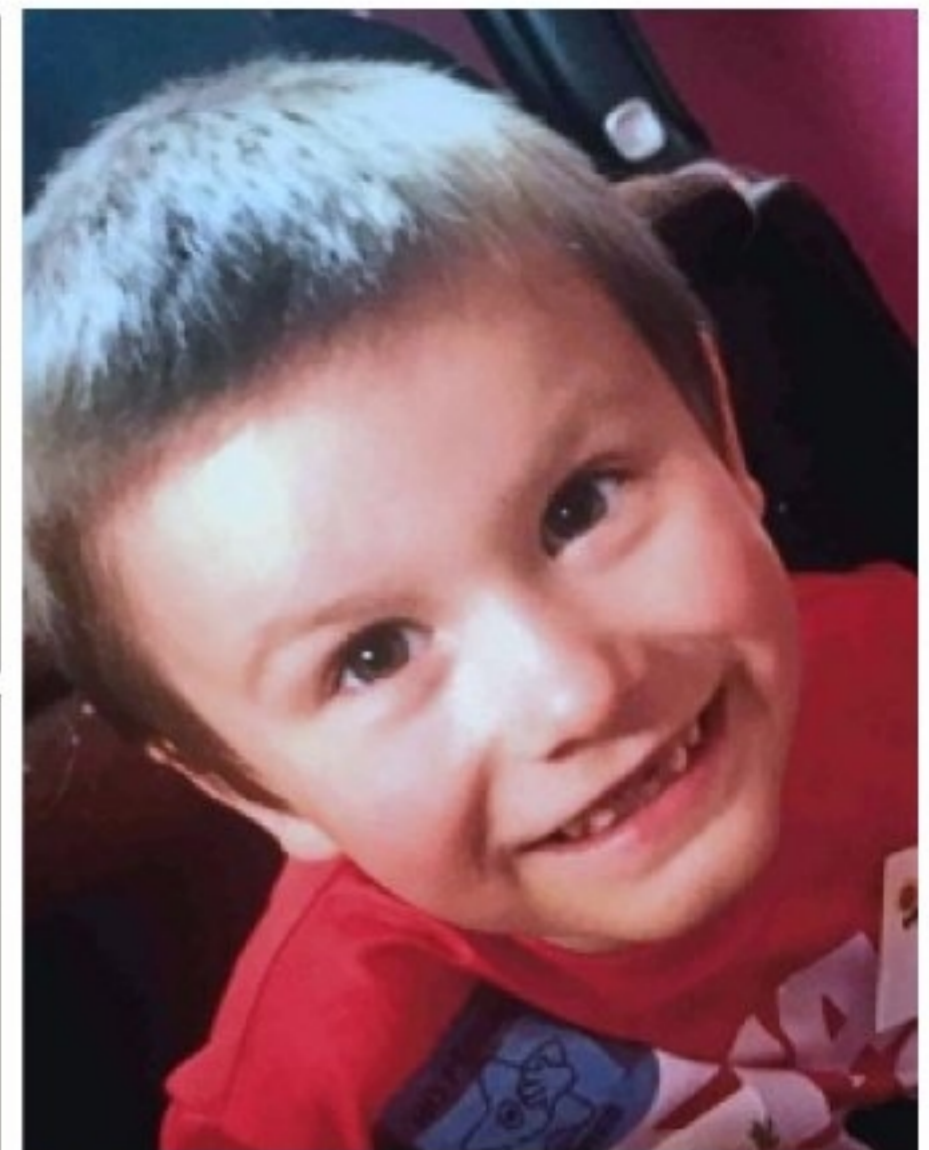
When they arrived, officers found the 48-year-old

female driver and the 41-year-old pedestrian who had been struck.

The pedestrian was treated by EHS for minor injuries and released from the scene.

Following an investigation, the responding officers issued a ticket to the driver for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

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Nicholas Baker was reported missing and then found at his grandparents' home, drowned in the pool. HANDOUT/RCMP

**Community grieves little boy's death**

## TRAGEDY

**Found dead in grandparents' pool Thursday**

Residents of a rural Nova Scotia community were shocked and saddened by news that a four-year-old boy had been found dead in his grandparents' swimming pool, hours after he was reported missing.

The RCMP say Nicholas Baker was reported missing from his grandparents' home near Middle Musquodoboit, about 80 kilometres northwest of Halifax, shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday.

Police said officers and a ground search and rescue crew scoured the area for the boy and found him in the pool around 2 a.m. Thursday.

It was a devastating outcome for residents of the quiet, pastoral community.

Hans Dittert said he learned about the tragedy, which took place just up the road from his home, on the morning news.

"It's not right," he said, adding that although the boy's grandparents have lived in the area for a long time, he knows them only to say hello.

Another local resident who

**+ AUTOPSY**

**Death not suspicious**  
Investigators said his death is not considered suspicious, but an autopsy would be conducted on Thursday.

declined to give her name, said the sad news had her thinking about her own grandchildren.

"I can't imagine what it's like." The property where Nicholas Baker died was quiet by Thursday afternoon, the house hidden by trees down a long driveway off a two-lane highway that carves through the rolling farmland of the Musquodoboit Valley.

RCMP Cpl. Jadie Spence said the pool where Nicholas Baker was eventually found was checked during an initial search by RCMP members, but there was a layer of "dark, scum-like film" on the surface and it didn't look like it had been disturbed.

"The pool was later on searched by a member of ground search and rescue shortly after 2 a.m. with some kind of specialized equipment that they had and that's when the child was located at the bottom of the pool," said Spence.

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Health-care professionals won't be prosecuted for being involved in physician-assisted death under a new province-wide directive. GETTY IMAGES

## Directive gives clarity

HEALTH CARE

### N.S. medical staff won't be prosecuted for assisted death

Doctors and other health-care professionals involved in a physician-assisted death will not be prosecuted in Nova Scotia, the province's public prosecution service announced Thursday.

The service said the directive applies to any physician-assisted death that falls within the scope of a 2015 Supreme Court of Canada ruling on the issue.

The director of the service issued the directive to Crown attorneys across the province, and said it remains in effect until the federal government passes its legislation.

"We are in an unprecedented

ed situation. In the absence of federal legislation, health-care professionals are concerned and this directive will provide clarity," said Martin Herschorn in a statement.

"Crown attorneys will rely on this directive for guidance to ensure no prosecution of any health-care professional who has acted properly in a physician-assisted death."

The statement says the directive recognizes that the work of physicians, pharmacists, nurses and other regulated health-care professionals must be protected to ensure the constitutional right of patients wishing assisted death are safeguarded.

Herschorn says the prosecution service consulted with police before releasing the directive.

It falls in line with those issued by other provinces this month, including Alberta, British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Supreme Court last year overturned a ban on physician-assisted death for patients deemed to have a grievous and irremediable medical condition that causes intolerable suffering. It gave the federal government a year to write legislation and extended that by four months.

The deadline lapsed last week, but the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Nova Scotia has developed guidelines for doctors to follow until the federal legislation is passed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WILDLIFE

## Bears are bad news for drivers: RCMP



Nova Scotia police are reminding drivers to watch out for animals wandering onto roadways after a crash involving a bear late Wednesday night.

Police, paramedics and firefighters responded to the collision on Highway 6 in Three Brooks, located in Pictou Coun-

ty, at about 10 p.m., after a man drove into a 350-pound adult black bear, RCMP said in a news release Thursday.

The man sustained minor injuries, while the bear had to be put down after being found nearby suffering from serious injuries. It appears the bear had been rummaging through compost bins near the road before the crash, police said.

"As bears come out of hibernation searching for food, Nova Scotia RCMP is asking motor-

ists to watch for the animals on roadways," the news release said. "Police are also reminding residents to reduce food smells that attract bears."

Steps to reduce food smells include storing compost, garbage and recycling in containers with tight-fitting lids that can be locked; putting out compost, garbage and recycling the morning of pick-up instead of the night before; avoiding bird feeders during bear season; cleaning barbecues on a regu-

lar basis and covering them when not in use; keeping pet food indoors and picking fruit off the ground and off trees as it ripens.



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### + BACKGROUND

#### Federal amendment

On Wednesday, the Senate sent the federal government's controversial bill on assisted dying back to the House of Commons with a major amendment that removes a key clause stating that only those who are near death should qualify for medical help to end their lives.

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# Arrested man dies in cell

POLICE

## Spryfield man brought in for intoxication, autopsy due



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

The province's Serious Incident Response Team has started an investigation into the death of a man in Halifax Regional Police custody early Thursday morning.

A news release from SiRT says a 41-year-old man from Spryfield was found unresponsive in a cell at police headquarters on Gottingen Street at 1:45 a.m. Paramedics arrived shortly after, but were unable to resuscitate the man.

The release says the man was arrested under the Liquor Control Act outside the IWK Health Centre on University Avenue in Halifax just after 10:30 p.m., where police had received an "unwanted male call."

An autopsy was scheduled to be conducted on Thursday, and



Halifax Regional Police headquarters on Gottingen Street. METRO FILE

no other details were available about the man's identity.

SiRT director Ron MacDonald told Metro on Thursday that the investigation would take time, and this one will involve the Medical Examiner's office, "which often takes months."

"Our goal is to finish it as quickly as we can," he said.

SiRT finished an investigation in January after a similar incident in 2013, when a man died in a cell at police headquarters.

The resulting report took more than two years to complete as SiRT had to obtain opinions from the medical examiner, two neurologists, and the Public Prosecution Service,

MacDonald said at the time.

"There's always similarities between investigations, but we always look at every investigation separately, although having done them before always gives us experience and expertise doing the next one," MacDonald said.

That investigation found

**“Our goal is to finish it as quickly as we can.”**

SiRT director Ron MacDonald on the autopsy of the deceased man.

there was no criminal wrongdoing on the part of the officer working that night, but that police policies that could've prevented the death were not followed. Halifax Regional Police spokesperson Const. Dianne Woodworth referred all specific questions about the matter to SiRT on Thursday, and said intoxicated people are typically arrested for their own protection.

"If they're intoxicated in a public place, and often times they are a risk to themselves or others, and if they're not with a sober person, then it's our responsibility to make sure they don't become a victim or get involved in some sort of altercation," she said.

"In general, they are put into cells after they're processed, and they're checked every 15 minutes."

TIMBERLEA

## Drug and weapon charges for senior



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

A 72-year-old Timberlea man is facing drug and weapon charges after his home was searched Wednesday night.

Drug unit officers seized about 2.6 pounds of marijuana, some cash, drug paraphernalia, a 12-gauge shotgun and ammunition from his James Street residence at about 10:20 p.m., a Halifax RCMP news release issued Thursday said.

The suspect was scheduled to appear in Halifax provincial court Thursday to answer to charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking marijuana, unauthorized possession of a firearm, and unsafe storage of a firearm, police said.

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# Premier supports vet's battle

## POLITICS

### McNeil lashes into feds for not issuing bed to man, 94

The plight of a decorated 94-year-old veteran seeking a bed in a Halifax veterans' hospital has turned Liberal against Liberal, with Nova Scotia's premier unleashing some mildly unparliamentary language to describe Ottawa's behaviour on the issue.

Stephen McNeil resorted to unusually candid terms after a cabinet meeting Thursday while commenting on a ruling by Veterans Affairs against Petter Blindheim's bid for a bed at the Camp Hill Veterans Memorial hospital.

"I'm trying to find an appropriate word that I can tell you on the news, but there has been more bureaucratic BS associated with this issue, and the national government needs to do the right thing and treat this vet with the dignity he deserves," the premier said. "He (Blindheim) was good



Peter Blendheim talks up his father, Petter Blindheim, at Veterans' Affairs offices. JEFF HARPER/METRO

enough to stand beside our ancestors and defend this country. What he's looking for is an opportunity to die in the same company of those men that he fought alongside to defend this

country and the national government should provide him with that opportunity."

Later in the morning, angry veterans demonstrated in front of a federal office in Halifax,

saying the Trudeau government is betraying their trust by refusing to fulfil election promises of creating a more flexible department.

"Denials, denials ... To say

many of us are disgusted by this act is an understatement," said organizer and fourth-generation veteran Doug Roberts.

"This is wrong. These men are our brothers. We will not take this lying down," he said as members of Blindheim's family stood nearby.

Ottawa initially rejected entry to Camp Hill for Blindheim, a veteran of the Norwegian Royal Navy and merchant marine — because, it said, the Norwegian forces fighting from England didn't qualify as official allies.

The department recanted that position, but then on Monday again rejected the former sailor — who has fallen repeatedly and broken his arm — on the basis that Ottawa can pay for any necessary care at provincial facilities.

McNeil had little time for that argument.

"Our national government has space in Camp Hill. They have beds, somewhere near a dozen beds are not being filled. They should provide one of those beds to this man," he said.

"They know very well, like every Nova Scotian knows, that

the beds that we have in long-term care facilities in Nova Scotia are full. There's a waiting list to get into those beds."

A spokeswoman for federal Veterans Affairs minister Kent Hehr said Ottawa can't comment on the case, but says the Liberals have not retreated from their commitments to veterans made during the federal election campaign.

"While we always work to deliver the support a veteran and their family needs, it is not always possible to do so in a specific facility of a veteran's choosing," she wrote in an email.

"Whatever level of care a veteran needs, we will provide the support."

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### Norway steps up

During the afternoon, Petter Blindheim received a medal for his war service from the Royal Norwegian Embassy during a ceremony at a Halifax hotel.

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## Truro council allows raising of pride flag

Truro council made an exception to its flag policy this week with a decision to fly the pride banner at half-mast in consideration of the Sunday massacre at a gay Orlando, Fla. nightclub.

Mayor Bill Mills, who in the past has refused to fly the pride flag for religious reasons, said he did not oppose the request, which he received in an e-mail Tuesday morning.

"The flag's flying, isn't it?" Mills said. "Even though there is a flag policy (federal, provincial and municipal flags only), based on the incidents in Orlando ... those were brothers and sisters and sons and daughters, I think everybody would have compassion on that. So, we were asked if we would make an exception, based on the fact there was vigil at the Dal campus on Monday night."

His reference is to the 49 victims killed by a lone gunman who opened fire in the popular club shortly after 2 a.m. At least 53 people were also wounded and the gunman was fatally shot by a SWAT team.

Town council received widespread criticism in 2007 when it voted 6-1 against a request from the Truro Pride Group to fly the rainbow-coloured pride flag in conjunction with activities occurring in Pictou County.

Mills furthered the debate when he used religious reasons for his personal vote against flying the flag.

But he suggested Sunday's tragedy in Orlando took the issue

to a level beyond his personal feelings.

"I'd have to be a pretty hard person not to have compassion in that sense," he said. "So I've put aside that for now and we'll see where things go."

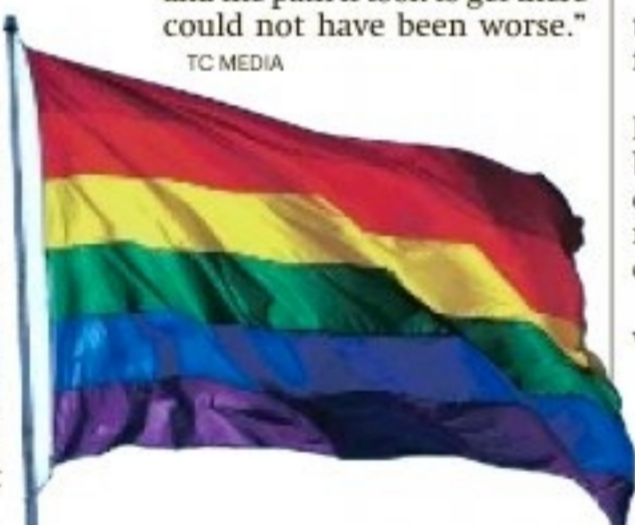
Sarah Millman, a former Truro resident now living in Ontario, wrote to the Truro Daily News with mixed emotions about the pride flag being raised in Truro.

While happy to see a reversal of the town's previous decision not to fly it, she also expressed concern over the reason for doing so.

"I think beyond the issue of the flag itself there's a bigger issue of how the queer community in our town has been treated over the last nine years," she said.

"Dreadful remarks were made at that time, and have been made since, by elected officials and it is disappointing to me that some of those individuals never offered any kind of apology or acknowledgement of their wrongdoing. In the end, sure, I'm glad the flag was flown, but the circumstances and the path it took to get there could not have been worse."

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# Artists pay tribute to Orlando victims

## MUSIC

## J.P. Cormier, Dave Gunning release song titled Brothers

J.P. Cormier was playing one of his songs for a friend shortly after events unfolded Sunday in Florida that left 49 people dead and more than 50 injured, victims of a gunman's attack on the patrons of a gay nightclub.

That's when his own words struck him. "It suddenly occurred to me that all these lyrics are directly tied to what happened in Orlando," he said.

The song, called Brothers, was written by Cormier and recorded with his friend Dave Gunning.

The chorus goes: "So take my hand and take my burden/I'll lift you up when times grow hard. Some trees grow higher than the others/We're more than friends, we're brothers."

The singer-songwriter, who lives in Westville, was so moved by the survivors' descriptions of the tragic events at the Pulse nightclub that he felt he had to do something.

"The stories they were telling were just unimaginable."

One talked about carrying people out of the club, only to find out that the man he was carrying was dead. "It was the whole image of I'll lift you up when times get hard. The whole thing just hit me like a ton of bricks," he said. "I said we need



A pride flag honours victims of the Orlando shooting prior to a vigil in Halifax on Monday night.

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to put the song out now."

The song was released on Wednesday as a tribute to the Orlando victims. A video on YouTube shows images related to the tragedy, and the song is also available on soundcloud.com.

"It's completely senseless," said Cormier about the Orlando attack. "Those people weren't hurting a soul. It got me pretty angry."

A Facebook post by Cormier said he felt the need to say something about the state of the world in the aftermath of the deadly attack.

"It's so sad that I can't go a month without being disgusted and outraged with some mem-



Dave Gunning CONTRIBUTED

bers of our species."

He said he has many friends in the LGBTQ community, and as an artist, he feels a responsibility to keep trying to make the world a better place.

"I hope this madness ends, and I also hope that the words of this song brings healing and comfort



**It's hard to take, so we thought, let's send something positive out.**

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to those broken and afraid, that the LGBTQ community knows we ARE behind them, and that we can all show the courage and love that those people showed as they carried the bodies of their friends out of that building that night, hoping they would survive."

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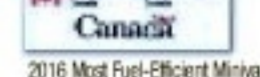
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## REAL ESTATE

### Province seeks public opinion on underused properties



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The province is asking for ideas on how to develop a major property in downtown Halifax while keeping historic façades intact.

On Thursday, the department of transportation and infrastructure renewal issued a request for information to gather ideas for the development of the Dennis Building site on the corner of George and Granville streets, which includes the Hansard Building and the adjacent parking lot at 1724, 173, and 1740 Granville Street.

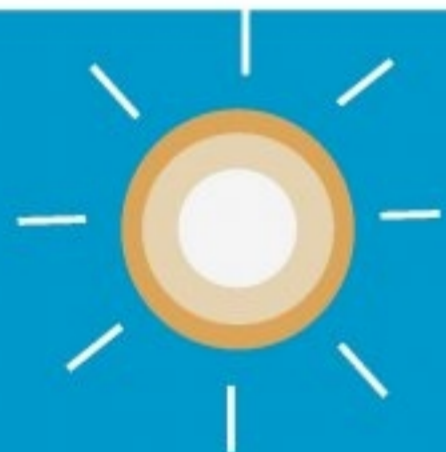
The release said the Dennis Building is beyond repair and the Hansard Building requires significant repairs.

This request gives the private sector "the opportunity to take the lead and redevelop this prime real estate in the heart of downtown Halifax," the release said.

The Dennis Building is currently vacant, and the Credit Union is the only tenant in the Hansard Building, the province said.

The request asks respondents to prepare a vision for the site that includes retaining and incorporating the façade of the Dennis and Hansard buildings into any new development of the area.

A deadline for submissions is July 28 of this year at 4:30 p.m. Details of the request for information can be found at [novascotia.ca/tenders/tenders/ns-tenders.aspx](http://novascotia.ca/tenders/tenders/ns-tenders.aspx).



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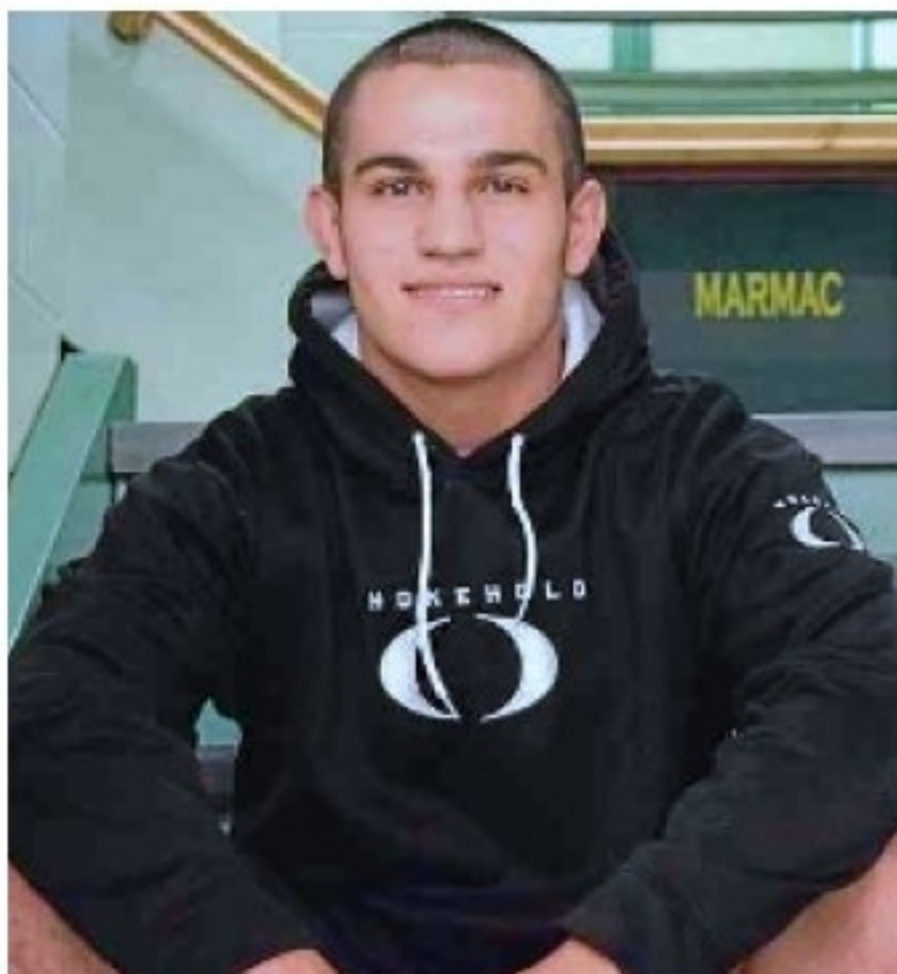
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Aspiring mixed martial arts fighter **Cody Glode** suffered from mental illness and took his own life in March. TC MEDIA

# Tourney set to honour Cody Glode

MENTAL HEALTH

## Submission grappling event fundraising for youth centres

Several submission fights are on tap for this weekend's grappling event at Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro, but none bigger than the fight to end the stigma surrounding mental illness.

Mind Games: Stigma, Submission, Fire will bring 18 submission fighters together for the Saturday evening event that will raise awareness and funds for mental health.

"We might have a submission competition between fighters, but ultimately everyone there is going to be fighting stigma," said Dan Vander-

lans, tournament director.

Money raised at the event will go to Slate Youth Centre in Truro and Laing House in Halifax — both front-line agencies that work with youth who deal with mental health issues.

The tournament is being held in honour of Cody Glode. Cody, a Millbrook resident and up-and-coming fighter, took his own life in March after battling depression. He was 20.

The event will consist of lightweight and heavyweight divisions. Eight fighters from each division will compete in a bracket-style tournament under Brazilian jiu-jitsu rules. Winners of each division will then square off in an absolute fight.

Mental health awards will also be given to three fighters who have been identified as having mental illnesses and who are willing to speak about their struggles.

"It's a topic relevant to all walks of life," Vanderlans said. "I personally have a mental illness; I have bipolar disorder, and I want to stand up and let the community know, and there's a number of people that are becoming more and more vocal about their struggles."

Vanderlans said the community has shown great support for the event and area businesses have contributed about \$2,000 in cash donations.

"It's just amazing," he said. TC MEDIA

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# Clinic stabbing leaves man dead

## CRIME

### Two others found injured, police suspect domestic issue

Police say a stabbing at a Calgary medical clinic in which a man was killed appears to be domestic in nature but they aren't saying what may have led to the attack.

Officers who arrived at the Perpetual Wellness Chinese Medicine Centre also found two other people with non-life-threatening injuries.

A woman was taken to hospital and a second person was treated on scene before being taken into custody. There are no details about the suspect.

Several lanes of a major Calgary street were blocked off at one point as officers investigated what happened at the Central Landmark Building.

The area is on the northern



A Google Maps image of a medical clinic in Calgary, where a stabbing occurred on Thursday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

edge of the city's Chinatown district.

A salesman with an opticians business in the building said no one was allowed to leave for a couple of hours.

"By the time it all started, the cops actually cordoned off

everything, so it was basically on lockdown. We couldn't leave," said Nick Wong with Essential Eyewear. "Between two and 4ish, there was basically yellow tape everywhere. Upstairs was basically off limits."

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## ASSISTED DYING BILL

### MPs kill Senate attempt to change near-death proviso

The House of Commons bounced the assisted dying bill back into the Senate's court Thursday, rejecting an amendment that would have allowed suffering Canadians who aren't near death to get medical help to end their lives.

Appointed senators must now decide whether to stick to their guns or accept the will of the elected chamber.

"I cannot in all good conscience simply vote down a bill that is better than having nothing at all," said Conservative Sen. Don Plett.

But others were adamant that without the primary amendment — which would have deleted the bill's proviso that medical assistance in dying be available only to those

whose natural death is "reasonably foreseeable" — the bill doesn't comply with the charter of rights or with last year's landmark Supreme Court ruling, which struck down the ban on assisted dying.

The Senate scrapped the foreseeable death requirement during two weeks of lengthy debate in the upper house before passing the bill with seven amendments late Wednesday by a vote of 64-12, with one abstention.

Early Thursday, the government announced it would accept the more minor amendments. But they stood firm on the central pillar: that only those near death should qualify for medical assistance in dying.

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## + PRICKLY ISSUES

### Prison watchdog wants answers from authorities

A Belgian man three decades into a life sentence for rape and murder wanted doctors to help him die — and he nearly got his wish. The case underscores some of the prickly issues Canadian corrections authorities may have to tackle with the legalization of medically assisted dying. Howard Sapers, Canada's prison watchdog, wants to know how authorities will deal with the issue.

## SYRIAN CRISIS

### Dion accepts genocide label

Two days after the Liberals voted down a Conservative motion to accuse Daesh of genocide, Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion acknowledged the group is engaged in precisely that against the Yazidis.

Dion said Thursday he accepts the findings of the report of an independent, UN-mandated commission which says Daesh has committed genocide against the ethnically Kurdish minority group. "We are taking the lead in asking the Security Council to be sure that they will prosecute the perpetrators of these atrocities and investigate in order to understand what is happening on the ground," Dion told the Commons.

Conservative Jason Kenney,



Yazidi women and children, released by Daesh, arrive in Kirkuk in this April 2015 file photo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

who has spent weeks urging the government to put the genocide label on Daesh, says Dion is missing the larger picture by focusing only on the Yazidis.

In debating and then defeating the Tory genocide motion on Tuesday, the government said politicians should shy away from declarations of such magnitude. "Determinations of genocide need to be made in an objective, responsible way," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said during the debate. "That is exactly what we have formally requested the international authorities weigh in on."

The report seems to fit that bill, although it deals specifically with the Yazidis. "Genocide has occurred and is ongoing," Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, chair of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria, said in the report.

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## COPYRIGHT

### Playboy drops lawsuits against Canadian firms

Playboy has discontinued lawsuits against two Canadian publications the magazine had alleged had illegally reproduced revealing photographs of supermodel Kate Moss taken for the U.S. magazine's 60th anniversary. The copyright suits against Toronto-based Contempo Media and Montreal's Indecent Xposure had sought up to \$50,000 in damages from each outlet. Contempo owns the web publication Sharp - Canada's Magazine for Men, while Indecent Xposure publishes the online IX Daily. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

### B.C. is first in line for Trudeau transit cash

The federal government has taken a major step in its ambitious infrastructure program by signing a funding agreement with British Columbia to move the first block of cash in its multibillion-dollar plan.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Ottawa will spend \$460 million in British Columbia to help pay for upgrades to existing transit infrastructure including renovations to aging transit stations and building new bus lanes. Trudeau said \$370 million

of that money has been earmarked for transit projects in Metro Vancouver.

"With the province's and municipalities' contributions, a total of \$934 million will be invested in public transit across the province," he said Thursday in Burnaby.

"This is just phase one," Trudeau said. "We are now meeting with provinces and municipalities to develop the second phase of public transit investments."

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# British MP Cox killed

## PARLIAMENT

### Attacker stabs, shoots pro-EU campaigner in north riding

A British lawmaker who campaigned for the country to stay in the European Union was killed Thursday by a gun- and knife-wielding attacker in her small-town constituency, a tragedy that brought the country's fierce, divisive referendum campaign to a shocked standstill.

Jo Cox, a 41-year-old Labour Party legislator who praised the contribution of immigrants to Britain and championed the cause of war-scarred Syrian refugees, was attacked outside a library in Birstall, northern England, after a regular meeting with constituents. Police would not speculate on the attacker's motive.

Witnesses described a man shooting Cox several times and appearing also to stab her as she lay on the pavement.

Police said they had arrested a 52-year-old man and were not looking for anyone else.

"Our working presumption ... is that this is a lone incident," said Dee Collins, acting chief constable of West Yorkshire Police.

British security officials said the shooting didn't appear to be related to international terrorism, but domestic terrorism has not been ruled out.

Residents identified the suspect to the BBC and other media as Birstall resident Tommy Mair. Neighbours said Mair was a quiet man who did gardening jobs for local people.



Jo Cox AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Violence against British politicians has been rare since Northern Ireland's late-1990s peace agreement, and figures from all parts of the political spectrum expressed deep shock.

Cox is the first serving member of Parliament to be killed in a quarter-century, and British politicians of all stripes expressed deep shock.

Both the Vote Leave and Britain Stronger in Europe campaigns suspended activity ahead of next week's vote over whether Britain should remain a part of the 28-member bloc. Prime Minister David Cameron cancelled a speech and rally in Gibraltar and flags on British government buildings were lowered to half-staff.

"This is absolutely tragic and dreadful news," Cameron said. "We have lost a great star. She was a great campaigning MP with huge compassion and a big heart."

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said "the whole of the Labour Party and Labour family — and indeed the whole country — will be in shock at the horrific murder of Jo Cox today."

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President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden place flowers at a memorial in Orlando, Fla., Thursday, in honour of people killed in the shooting at a gay nightclub. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## ORLANDO SHOOTING

### Obama offers support – but no answers

U.S. President Barack Obama brought words of comfort but no easy answers on Thursday to grieving families in Orlando, striving to help the community heal even while investigators were still struggling to make sense of the carnage at a gay nightclub.

As Orlando prepared to bury its first victims from the mass shooting, Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden spent hours meeting privately with survivors of the attack, victims' relatives and police officers who responded to the scene on Sunday, when 49 people were killed. The low-key visit reflected the challenge for the president to find something meaningful to say about an

attack that has stoked a wide mix of fears about terrorism, guns and violence against gays.

Obama's call for solidarity and empathy stood in contrast to the roiling political debate in Washington and the campaign trail that has sprung up since the attack. Arizona Sen. John McCain, a Republican and frequent Obama critic, accused the president of being "directly responsible" for the shooting because, he said, Obama had allowed the growth of Daesh on his watch.

The gunman, Omar Mateen, had made calls during the attack saying he was a Daesh supporter. But CIA director John Brennan said Thursday that the agency has found no

connection between the gunman and any foreign terrorist organization.

The White House had no immediate response to McCain's comments.

Investigators were working to reconstruct the movements of the 20-year-old shooter before he opened fire at the Pulse dance club, including what his wife may have known about the attack. The Senate Homeland Security Committee's chairman sent a letter to Facebook asking for help with messages denouncing the "filthy ways of the west" left on Facebook accounts believed to be associated with Mateen before and during the attack.

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## + A COLD HEART

### Killer monitored impact

While his victims texted heartbreaking last words to loved ones from the blood-drenched bathrooms, Omar Mateen apparently went on Facebook to measure the shockwaves his attack on a gay nightclub was generating.

He searched for the terms "Pulse Orlando" and "Shooting," according to a letter released by a Senate committee.

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## ALLIGATOR ATTACK

### Charges against parents unlikely

A sheriff said charges are unlikely against a Nebraska couple after an alligator killed their two-year-old son by snatching him out of shallow water at a Walt Disney World beach, but the entertainment giant is reviewing whether to add gator warning signs.

Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings told The Associated Press after a news conference Wednesday there was no indication Matt and Melissa Graves of suburban Omaha, Nebraska, committed any crime that contributed to the reptile grabbing their son, Lane Graves.

"There's nothing in this case to indicate that there was anything extraordinary" in terms of neglect by the parents, Demings said.

Demings said his department and the state wildlife agency would look into the issue of signs around Seven Seas Lagoon, where Disney had posted "no swimming" signs but no warnings about the presence of alligators. Searchers removed five of the reptiles from the water while looking for the child, who was attacked at a small beach area near nightfall Tuesday.

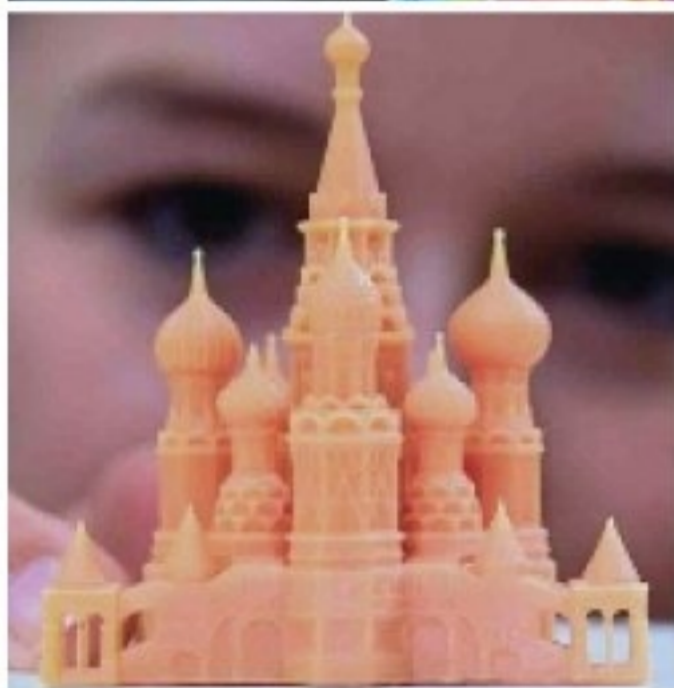
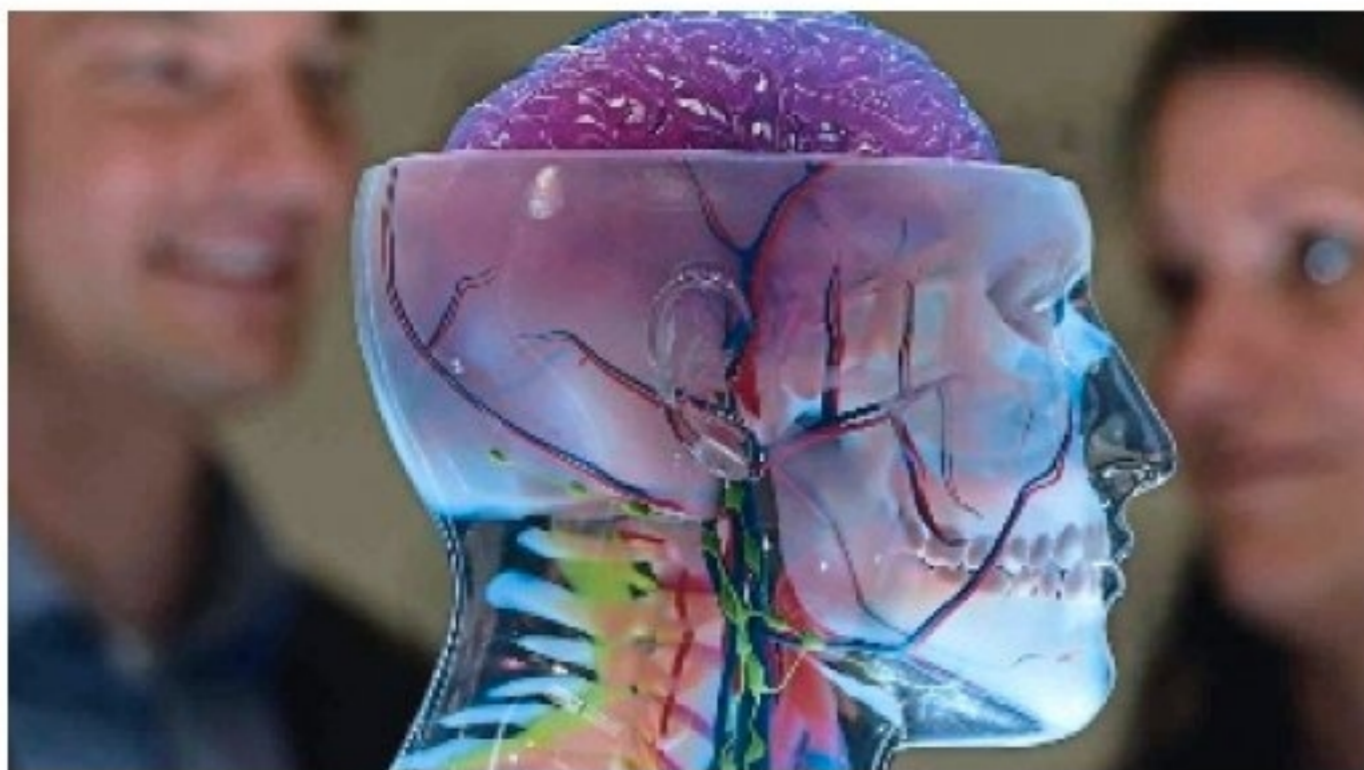
A Disney representative, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Disney would "thoroughly review" the sign issue in the future. Beaches that were closed during the search remained off-limits to visitors, the company said.

Divers found the child's body about 16 hours after authorities first got the call that a reptile had taken the boy at Seven Seas Lagoon, which borders the Magic Kingdom theme park. The park is one of the world's most popular tourist spots, drawing millions annually. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

*"Our hearts are broken for the murder and attempted murder of LGBTQ+ children in Orlando and for the persecution of so many in this world because of prejudice, especially around sexual orientation or gender identity. We deplore homophobia and denounce violence in any form against any of God's children."*



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# TECHNOLOGY

## THE WORLD — PRINTED IN 3D

People from all over the world have gathered in Erfurt, Germany for the international fairs FabCon 3D and Rapid.Tech to present the latest products and applications in the fields of additive manufacturing and 3D printing. The fairs continued until June 16. Above: People stand behind a 3D-printed model used for medical purposes at the stand of the US company Stratasys.

Left: A woman fixes a miniature model of the Saint Basil's Cathedral of Moscow at the stand of the company Rapid Shape.

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# The Visa-Walmart brawl affects you

## CREDIT

### The duo are in a dispute over merchant fees

**Why did Visa take out newspaper ads about Walmart on Wednesday?**

Visa and Walmart are in a battle over credit card fees charged to merchants. Walmart wants a better deal from Visa. Visa said it offered a lower rate, but Walmart wants an even deeper discount. Visa claims Walmart is asking for a rate lower than the one paid by charities and schools.

**How many customers are affected by this?**

Visa is the biggest credit card company in Canada, with 54 million cards issued, according to Rob Livingston, president of Visa Canada.

Also, the phase-out of Visa cards at Walmart is scheduled to begin in Thunder Bay in July, not in the GTA, which is the largest retail market in the country. So there is still time for the parties

to go back to the table and hammer out an agreement.

**Why is this happening in Canada?**

In Canada, Visa and MasterCard charge merchants fees that are as much as five times higher than fees charged in dozens of other countries, including those in Europe and Australia. In some cases, governments have stepped in to regulate lower fees. In other cases, government regulators similar to the Competition Bureau have set caps on fees.

The fee in Australia is 0.5 per cent, according to Karl Littler, vice president, public affairs, Retail Council of Canada (RCC). In many European countries, it's 0.3 per cent.

Canadian retailers pay about \$5-billion a year in credit card fees, according to the Council.

**Why do the credit card companies charge so much more in Canada?**

Visa's Livingston says Canada has one of the most developed and secure digital payment sectors in the world, due to the investments credit card companies

have been able to make using the proceeds from fees. That includes tap-and-go services and systems that reduce the need for less secure payment methods.

**Walmart wants a better deal. Do other big retailers get preferential treatment?**

Yes. Although the terms of the exclusive deal between MasterCard and Costco in Canada are not public, Sands believes it could be as low as zero per cent, with MasterCard benefiting in other ways — increased use, more customers (who use the card outside of Costco, too) and publicity when Costco promotes the card.

**So if the fees go down, will consumers benefit?**

Perhaps, but only marginally. There is no independent study in Canada that has looked at whether retailers keep the difference or pass it on to consumers. Walmart is promising to pass it on to consumers, but while the overall savings to Walmart could be huge, it will mean pennies to consumers on most individual purchases.

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## MUSIC

### Led Zeppelin faces copyright dispute

The estate of rock band Spirit's late guitarist, Randy Wolfe, also known as Randy California, contends the chord progression that begins Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven was lifted from Wolfe's, Taurus, which was released a few years earlier.

Led Zeppelin has settled sev-

eral similar copyright disputes over hit songs, though Stairway to Heaven has generated hundreds of millions of dollars over the years and could provide a windfall if Wolfe's estate prevails.

Page claimed he didn't even know he owned Spirit's self-titled first album until a son-in-law told

him comparisons between the tunes were popping up online and he unearthed it in his collection of 10,000 records and CDs.

"Something like that would stick in my mind," Page told the eight jurors in Los Angeles federal court. "It was totally alien to me." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A University of Cambridge study found 28 songbird species with greater neural capacity for higher learning than mammals with similar brain sizes.

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## THE NEUROCHEMISTRY OF WINNING

Soccer's European Championship, the biggest tournament outside of the World Cup, is underway. Already, the participating footballers have been fed heaping helpings of both the ecstasy of victory and the agony of defeat, in (roughly) equal measure. Because we like to keep things positive here, we wanted to concentrate on the victory part: **Here's what's floating around in athletes' brains when they win.**



First of all, the compulsory disclaimer, as with matters psychophysiological, is that there's PLENTY that science freely admits it flat-out does not understand. Consider yourselves disclaimed. Chief among what is known is that, irrespective of social, physical or mental causes, the sensation of pleasure originates in the brain, where **neurons** (a.k.a. brain cells) talk to each other via the release of chemicals. The most important pleasure-synthesizing neurochemicals, and the most relevant to the thrill of athletic victory, are **dopamine**, which is associated with the pleasure of motivation and the realization of sought-after rewards; **epinephrine** (a.k.a. adrenalin) which causes increased heart rate, blood pressure, and the "adrenalin rush" we feel in high-pressure situations such as world-stage soccer matches; and **endorphins**, the brain's own homebrew morphine, which produce opiate-like pleasure, and have been associated with the so-called "runner's high" that sometimes accompanies strenuous exercise.

GRAPHICS: ANDRÉS PLANA/METRO

### FINDINGS

#### Your week in science

##### NEW ELEMENTS

Names have been assigned to the four new elements identified in December of last year. Meet nihonium (Japanese for "the land of the rising sun"), moscovium, tennessine (both named after the place they were discovered) and oganesson (named after chemist Yuri Oganessian). The names will undergo a consultation process before being officially recognized. The elements will occupy numbers 113, 115, 117, and 118 on the periodic table.

##### VOLCANIC ZOMBIES

There is a new zombie apocalypse to be afraid of, at least if you live in New Zealand. Geologists in the island nation have found magma chambers growing next to, rather than under, some Kiwi volcanoes, reports the June edition of Nature magazine. The findings suggest volcanic zones thought to be dormant are, as it were, living dead.

### SOUND SMART

## AGGLUTINATION

#### DEFINITION

**Agglutination**, derived from the Latin agglutinare (glueing to), is the process by which particles clump together. In the body, this process takes place when cells, such as red blood cells in the case of problematic clots, encounter certain antibodies that cause normally autonomous particles to join and form larger structures. This can happen with or without human intervention.

#### USE IT IN A SENTENCE

"My uncle's waiting on a blood transfusion, but when the docs mixed the latest donor's blood with his, there was some **agglutination**. Apparently, that's disqualifying. I don't know — I'm not a doctor — but it sounds bad."



### GUEST CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Paul Sokoloff

## How can I prepare at home for life on Mars?

**I just saw The Martian on Blu-ray. Everyone tells me that the science in the movie checks out, but what if I want to see for myself? Can I do Martian botany experiments on earth?**  
— Guy, Ottawa

Aspiring Martian farmers will be happy to hear that we should be able to grow crops on the Red Planet, though it has no soil, which is created over time through biological activity. The red dust covering Mars is called regolith.

While you can't find real Martian regolith at the space-garden centre (we've yet to return samples from Mars), data sent back from landers and rovers have let scientists develop regolith simulants, Earthbound materials that mimic the colour, texture and physical properties of the real thing. While engineers may use this regolith to test rover wheels and dustproof electronics, botanists can use it to science the s-t out of some plants, and have already tried growing everything from algae to carrots in it.

These simulants are most often made from crushed and sterilized volcanic rocks. The most commonly used material comes from the slopes of Mauna Kea, Hawaii. Quarried by Orbitec Ltd., this JSC Mars-1A simulant, at \$25 USD per 2 lbs, would be your best bet for simulating Mars at home. You would need fertilizer, though, as plants need nutrients missing from Martian regolith to grow. Just do not, I repeat, DO NOT, try using human waste like Mark Watney.

Still, when the first Astronauts

get to Mars, it's unlikely they'll start farming with regolith right away. Soil-free hydroponics would provide plenty of fresh produce, and would prevent possible contamination of the planet as we search for signs of extraterrestrial life.

**Paul Sokoloff is a botanist at the Canadian Museum of Nature, and a former crew-member at the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah.**

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The followup to *Finding Nemo* should do well at the box office thanks to great storytelling and production values, Richard Crouse argues. CONTRIBUTED

## Finding Dory cures Sequelitis

IN FOCUS

**Pixar makes good in a summer full of so-so sequels**

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



Thank you, Pixar.

Years ago my now-wife and I went to see a particularly grim horror movie. Despite "watching" the entire film through her fingers, as though she could shield her face from the gallons

of blood 'n guts on display, the creepfest jangled her nerves so badly we had to go see *Finding Nemo* directly afterwards as a palate cleanser.

Marlin (Albert Brooks) and Dory's (Ellen Degeneres) underwater road trip to find Marlin's lost son Nemo, coupled with gorgeous animation and warm-hearted humour, calmed her and because of Pixar there were no bad dreams that night.

Roger Ebert called the family classic "a delight," and parents snapped up so many of them it became the best-selling DVD ever. Disney is clearly hoping those good feelings have lingered over the 13 years since *Nemo* first

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**Finding Dory** ★★★★★  
**Genius** ★★  
**De Palma** ★★★★★  
**Raiders! The Story of the Greatest Fan Film Ever Made** ★★★★★

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made a splash. This weekend *Finding Dory* enters a crowded summer season, one already stuffed to the gills with sequels, reboots and reimaginings.

The original cast return (save for Alexander Gould who aged out of voicing Nemo) along with Idris Elba, Diane Keaton and Kate McKinnon. Will that be enough

to mine gold when recent sequels have come up empty?

Hollywood wisdom says audiences want familiarity, characters and brands they already know and love, but this year moviegoers have rejected repackaged ideas. *Zoolander 2*, *Ride Along 2*, *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising*, *The Huntsman: Winter's War*,

*Alice Through the Looking Glass*, *X-Men: Apocalypse* and *TMNT: Out of the Shadows* all under performed in what the Hollywood Reporter is calling the Summer of Sequelitis.

For the record, I think *Finding Dory* will do just fine. Not just because Pixar is the gold standard in animation or because it has a story audiences will connect with but because it's good.

Do I think moviegoers are suffering from Sequelitis? No. Many of this year's sequels have stiffed because they weren't very good. The best thing about *Zoolander 2* is that it was so unfunny it's hard to imagine Ben Stiller and Company making a third.

Perhaps the dip in box-office returns for cinematic re-treads is just what Hollywood needs and they'll realize a constant diet of movies with numbers and colons in the title — or worse, both, as in *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising* — is not as appetizing to audiences as they think.

Executives are scared. *Pitch Perfect 3*, the planned follow up to the \$287.5 million grossing *Pitch Perfect 2*, has been delayed while Universal waits to see whether the sequel slump is a passing phase. In the meantime, expect more than one sequel-crazed studio suit to say, "Thank you Pixar," when *Finding Dory* reels in the top spot.

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# Ark de triumph: Fans remake classic

## DOCUMENTARY

## The childhood friends who bravely remade Indiana Jones

**Richard Crouse**  
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"We didn't know what we were getting into," says Eric Zala.

Zala, along with Chris Stompolos and Jayson Lamb, spent much of the 1980s, their entire teen years, making a shot-for-shot remake of *Raiders of the Lost Ark* complete with special effects, car chases and melting heads. Ambitious in the extreme, they stopped at nothing to translate their vision to the screen, almost burning down a family home in the pursuit of their DIY dream.

"You can be surprised at what you accomplish," says Zala. "As adults you have awareness of your limitations, real or perceived. That was one thing we had on our side when we embarked on this as kids. We didn't know what we were try-

ing to do was impossible. It's a damn good thing because we would have been scared to death."

A new documentary called *Raiders! The Story of the Greatest Fan Film Ever Made* uses the original home movie as a basis to pick up the story decades after the trio abandoned the project. Zala and Stompolos are front and center to tell the tale of the obsession as they, now as 30-somethings, try and finish the movie by shooting the one scene that eluded them as children, the exploding airplane sequence.

Stompolos describes seeing *Raiders of the Lost Ark* for the first time as "lightening in a bottle."

"For our generation I don't think we had ever seen such a perfectly crafted, mythologically aligned hero," he says. "Indiana Jones was human, accessible, smart, macho, academic and flawed and could get hurt.

The historical context was interesting and everything was just perfect. This larger than life character just kind of blew my mind. For me I wanted to create a playground for myself and see what it would be like to have those experiences."



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Raiders co creator Chris Stompolos

"We finished it in '89 and would have loved for Spielberg to see it but that was a pipe dream," says Zala. "We certainly didn't anticipate any kind of fan film movement back then. As far as we knew we were alone in the world. Come to find out, we weren't."

Lots of kids played Indiana Jones in their backyard. We just took it a little further. None of this was supposed to happen,

Enthusiasm and chutzpah go a long way, especially when they aren't tainted by cynicism. The love of *Raiders* these fans — both as kids and adults — share is pure and respectful and their passion bleeds through the screen.



**Inset:** Eric Zala and the explosions expert rejoice at a successful scene in *Raiders!* **Above:** The airplane explodes for the final scene in the documentary's version of the famous final scene.

DRAFTHOUSE FILMS

we just did it for ourselves."

"Eric and I pushed it over the finish line and stayed true to the pure vision," says Stompolos, "because we simply love the movie." F

or this pair of fan filmmakers *Raiders of the*

*Lost Ark* isn't just a childhood fixation. Both have seen it recently, thirty-five years after Zala says it, "split my brain open."

"It took our breath away," Stompolos says of his recent viewing. "Even now there is

so much detail. We caught so many new things. I can still watch the film and love it. I don't ever get tired of it. The thing that amazes me to this day is that no matter how many times we've seen it, it still has secrets to give."

## INTERVIEW

## DeGeneres keeps swimming

Finding Dory isn't just about a little blue fish looking for a home. The long-awaited sequel to *Finding Nemo* also reflects the journey of the woman behind the gills, Ellen DeGeneres.

Like Dory, DeGeneres had been feeling a little lost 13 years ago, when she first voiced the happy little fish with short-term memory issues. DeGeneres had publicly come out as gay a few years earlier, and had the title character on her namesake sitcom do the same.

It was a cultural flash point; then the show was cancelled. About the same time, DeGeneres' three-year relationship with Anne Heche suffered a painful ending.

"For a while, I didn't imagine that I would have anything again," DeGeneres said in a recent interview, her blue eyes bright and direct.

"So then I just kept swimming."

She returned to the stand-up circuit and started over. Soon, DeGeneres was launching her daytime talk show. "Just keep swimming" is Dory's motto. The little fish may not always know where she is or what she's doing there, but she can keep moving forward.



**Ellen DeGeneres.**  
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"It was weird that (writer-director Andrew Stanton) was writing that at the same time that I was really wondering what was going to happen to me," DeGeneres said.

Now her Emmy-winning show is in its 13th season. She's a *CoverGirl* spokeswoman; she hosted the Oscars, Emmys and Grammys twice each; and introduced her own lifestyle brand, ED.



**I love being able to express myself in different ways.**

Ellen DeGeneres

last year. Everyone knows what happened to DeGeneres: she became an A-list star.

She had been lobbying on her talk show for a sequel to *Nemo* for years.

*Finding Dory* introduces the blue tang fish as a baby, long before she meets her clownfish pals Marlin and Nemo.

Little Dory's doting parents are helping their daughter develop skills for dealing with her memory troubles when an undertow whisks her out to sea. Dory quickly forgets why she's in the open ocean, and just keeps swimming until she makes new friends.

Along the way, she discovers that what she thought were liabilities are actually strengths.

Her spontaneous way of approaching challenges inspires her fish friends to ask themselves, "What would Dory do?"

The role represents DeGeneres' first major acting gig since *Nemo*.

In a scene where Dory cries, DeGeneres says she shed real tears.

"I love being able to express myself in different ways and be emotional and not just be funny all the time," she said.

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# De Palma doc proves refreshingly insightful

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**Jake Paltrow  
turns his  
obsession into  
full-length film**

**Richard  
Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



From Scarface to Mission: Impossible to the horror classic Carrie, Brian De Palma's movies have been endlessly entertaining and entirely diverse.

But as iconoclastic as the 75-year-old filmmaker has been, he's somehow played in the shadows of such contemporaries as Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese and his influence has gone largely uncelebrated — until now.

In fact, filmmaker Jake Paltrow thought the iconic auteur was so deserving of a tribute that he paired up with Noah Baumbach (Frances Ha) to turn out the eponymous documentary De Palma.

"I was obsessed with Brian as a teenager," admitted Paltrow during a recent stop in Toronto. "But even more than being a fan, (the film) grew out of our friendship with him."

Early in his filmmaking career, Paltrow (younger sibling to Gwyneth Paltrow) befriended De Palma who not only supplied sage advice to the young director,

but also began meeting him on a regular basis — an event which soon spurred the notion to capture the filmmaker on-camera reminiscing his half-century in showbiz.

"We were always really approaching it like a director talking about his movies, how he made them and the ups-and-downs of the movie business," said Paltrow, who admits they also never really entertained the idea of featuring others talking about De Palma for the doc.

"Because it's coming from this thing of friendship and as a gigantic fan of these movies, it didn't need any other voices really," said Paltrow of the choice to feature interviews solely with

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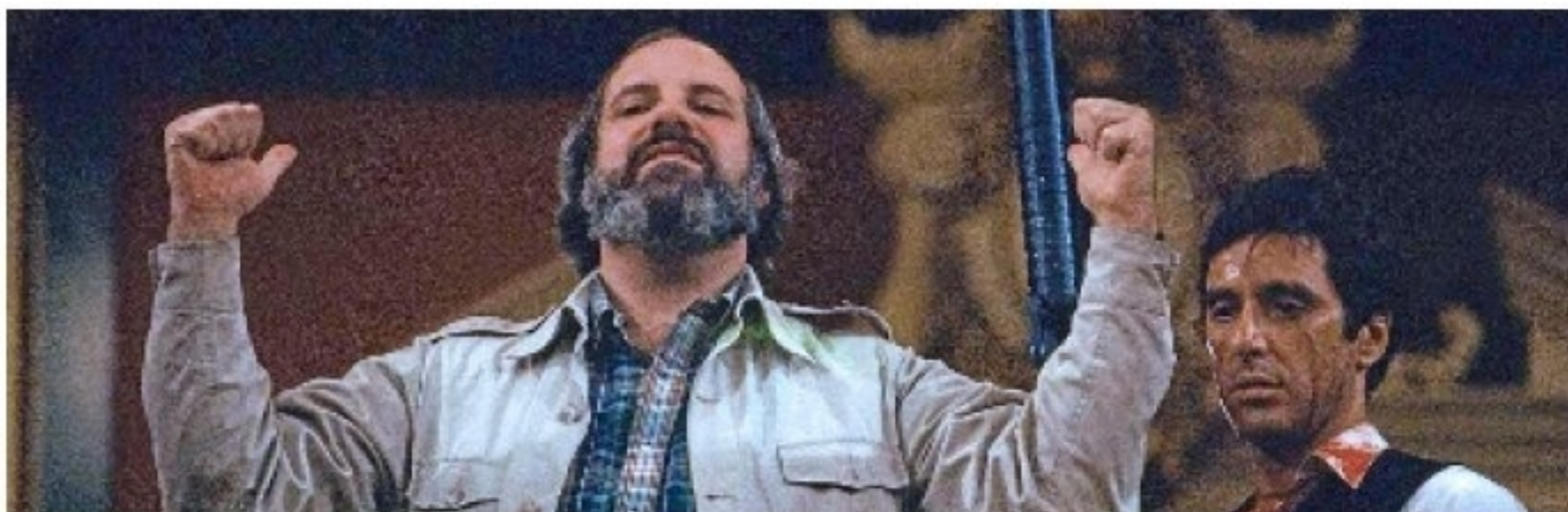
**He doesn't soft  
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Jake Paltrow on  
Brian De Palma

the divisive director himself. "Also if you want other opinions about Brian, there are no shortage of things out there."

In the end, Paltrow and Baumbach crafted a simple "director's journey" and one that is mutually exclusive to the so-called bad boy of New Hollywood. More so, Paltrow is hoping he's captured some of the most refreshingly honest insights about Hollywood over the past 50 years.

"He doesn't soft pedal anything (and) I think in a lot of ways, that's why we wanted to make a movie about Brian," stated Paltrow. "He's unguarded in all these sorts of ways and he's so articulate and he's experienced so much — what else is the basis of drama?"



Scarface director Brian De Palma offers his unguarded insights on Hollywood in Jake Paltrow's new documentary De Palma.

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# Blair Brown sentenced to Netflix

## INTERVIEW

### Excited to join cast of inmates on Orange is the New Black

On last season's finale of Orange is the New Black, Judy King, nailed for tax evasion, arrived at Litchfield Penitentiary to surrender. But she found no one at the front desk to receive her.

Judy had a fit. A big-time TV chef, she wasn't used to being made to wait.

With Netflix's release of the entire 13-episode fourth season on Friday, viewers will find Judy has subsequently gotten a warm welcome at Litchfield from many of her fellow female inmates (she's a TV star!). And from the warden, too, who handles her with kid gloves: He worries that, if anything ugly should befall her, bad publicity or even a lawsuit would result.

Suffice it to say that Judy will help make this Orange season cook as Blair Brown joins the cast of this prison comedy-drama for an exploration of fame compelled to coexist with hoi polloi.



**Blair Brown plays Judy King, a celebrity chef nailed for tax evasion in Netflix's Orange is the New Black.** The fourth season of the popular series will be available for viewing on Friday. JOJO WHILDEN/NETFLIX VIA AP

In a recent interview, Brown takes pains to say Judy King isn't meant to be a Martha Stewart knockoff, although the similarities (including their mutual incarceration) are obvious. But so is the nod to down-South culinarian Paula Deen, as evidenced

by Judy's luxurious drawl. "Judy's Southern all right," says Brown. "She's also very outgoing, very friendly, and a complete egotist in the sense that whatever is good for her, she figures is very good for you. She is a survivor, and her attitude in

being in prison is, she just wants to get this done."

In the process, she rises to the occasion. Here, as with most places, she loves the spotlight.

"It's interesting to come into this story playing a privileged person," Brown says. "There are

a lot of feelings both on the administrative side and the inmate side as to what that means, and why that is."

Brown, 69, is a veteran actress with a wide range of roles whose only commonality may be her signature red hair and luminous smile.

Her film work includes a trio of major releases within two years (1980-81): One-Trick Pony, Altered States and Continental Divide. Her many theatre credits include a Tony Award-winning turn in the play Copenhagen.

Recent TV appearances include a recurring role last season on Limitless, and before that as the steely corporate boss on the Fox sci-fi series Fringe.

And, of course, there's her celebrated run as the title character of The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd, which, though not a smash hit, helped change TV.

Brown says she has been an Orange fan since its inception.

"When it first started, I thought, 'Is there any room for me on this?' But I decided they had plenty of people, with enough stories to tell."

"Then I got the call to play Judy," she smiles, "and the character was easy, because she came

in wondering how does all this work? So did I. All the stuff I'm trying to find out as a new cast member works hand-in-hand with Judy's journey. So that's been a happy coincidence."

Another happy coincidence: The role has brought her back to Kaufman Astoria Studios, the Queens, New York, production centre where Molly Dodd was shot three decades ago.

Premiering on NBC in May 1987, Molly Dodd centred on a mid-30s divorcee living in New York who, by turns, was a free spirit and a Yuppie hewing to no clear professional or romantic path.

While many viewers loved this new form, many more didn't get it. Nor would some of them accept Molly: She was a bit too liberated, too unpredictable, too complex.

For Brown, it was all a much simpler experience.

"It just seemed so easy," she recalls. "We told these little half-hour stories. We didn't have a laugh track and we didn't have to go for big yuks. We thought, 'Let's just have a person who lives her life. What would that be like?'"

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## LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

### Hamilton loses founding father

The news that no die-hard Hamilton fan — or anyone who hasn't seen the Broadway smash yet — wants to hear has arrived: Lin-Manuel Miranda, its creator and star, is leaving the show this summer. But he promises to return "again and again."

Miranda, who has been in the show since it made its debut off-Broadway in early 2015, said Thursday he will perform his last show July 9. Javier Munoz, the current understudy for Alexander Hamilton, who also took over from Miranda in In the Heights, will take over July 11.

But Miranda said he will happily return to the show from time to time and RadicalMedia plans to film the original cast performing the show at the end of June and will, at some point, make it available. "We are aware that history has its eyes on us," said Miranda.

"For people who will say, 'But I'll never see Lin as Hamilton!' — yes, you will," Miranda said in an Irish pub in his Washington Heights neighbourhood. "I have written this insane part that I can't seem to get tired of, that is new every night... I think this is a role I will be going back to again and again."

Miranda has already lined up



**Lin-Manuel Miranda says he has lots of work lined up for life after Hamilton.**

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plenty of work after he leaves. He has a lead role opposite Emily Blunt in a film sequel of Mary Poppins directed by Rob Marshall and with songs by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, the composers of Hairspray.

Miranda will also help turn his musical In the Heights into a movie. He has written music for Star Wars: The Force Awakens and the upcoming animated feature in Disney's Moana, a musical, animated tale about a Polynesian princess.

Hamilton, which cast minority actors as Founding Fathers,

burst through the Broadway bubble. It has been praised by politicians and rap stars, influenced the debate over the nation's currency and become a cultural phenomenon.

"It's been the best tsunami in the world, but it's been a crazy thing to be in the middle of this," said Miranda. "I don't walk down the streets in Washington Heights the way I used to."

On Sunday, it won 11 Tony Awards, including best new musical, best book and best score. That capped a stunning year for Hamilton that includes Miranda winning the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for drama, a Grammy, the Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History and a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant. Miranda lost the best-actor Tony to his co-star Leslie Odom Jr., who plays Aaron Burr to his Alexander Hamilton.

Miranda, the New York City son of Puerto Rican parents, came across Alexander Hamilton biographer Ron Chernow's book and was inspired to write a musical. He debuted the first song at the White House.

His book and score for Hamilton has sly references to Gilbert and Sullivan, Notorious B.I.G., LL Cool J and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

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# Ticket bot battles a pain in the Hip

## TICKETING

### Online scalping systems prove tragically tough to work around

"I'm angry — I'm sure a lot of scalpers are making money off of the love that people have for the Tragically Hip," said Shawn Hayward from Montreal. "I don't think that's right."

Hayward said he's frustrated that scalpers appear to be using sophisticated software called "ticket bots" that scoop up large quantities of tickets at a time.

Jeff McFayden, who's seen the Hip perform 15-20 times, said he feels "shut out" of their last tour: "When you hear about these bots ... it's ridiculous."

Each time a new round of Hip tickets was released online for their upcoming summer tour, they were sold out in a flash, leaving fans with unanswered questions:

How many seats were up for sale? How many were available to the general public? Why does it appear so easy for scalpers to get seats? And what measures have

the band and its ticket vendor, Ticketmaster, taken to prevent scalping?

Torstar has asked those questions repeatedly of the Hip's promoter, Live Nation, and the band's management company, Eggplant Entertainment, and its vendor, Ticketmaster.

So far, no company will say what it has done — if anything — to block "bot" technology from scooping up tickets for the Hip's Man, Machine, Poem tour.

Nor will anyone say how many tickets for the now-sold-out shows were actually offered for sale to the general public to begin with. Carrie Davis, chief communications officer for Live Nation, referred questions about ticket sales to Live Nation's subsidiary, Ticketmaster.

Reached by email, Ticketmaster spokesperson Catherine Martin declined to speak on the record. Instead, she directed to previously published news stories about other tours in lieu of an official statement regarding Hip ticket scalping.

There are many reasons why fans had trouble getting tickets, from these so-called "ticket bots" to a demand that greatly outpaces supply. Although no one



While so many fans want to farewell The Tragically Hip, left to right, Gord Sinclair, Paul Langlois, Gord Downie, Johnny Fay and Rob Baker, many have been left frustrated over and over as buying tickets proved fruitless. CLEMENS RIKKEN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

told us how many tickets were on sale for the whole tour, venue capacity suggests that only about 300,000 people could attend.

Only about half of available tickets are ever released to the general public, a recent report from the New York attorney general's office found, with the other

half being earmarked for industry insiders and special pre-sales.

Many of those tickets held back from the general public wind up in the hands of scalpers, the report found.

"Nobody knows how many tickets are in the market," Pascal Courty, an economist at the

University of Victoria who studies scalping, has said. "I think artists should be honest."

Ticketmaster would not say how many tickets were made available to the general public.

It directed us to tour promoter Live Nation and the band. Once again, Live Nation told us to talk

to Ticketmaster.

Eggplant Entertainment, which is run by Patrick Sambrook and Michael Schipper according to documents filed with the province, did not respond.

This is not to say that the Hip's team did nothing for fans. The band has tried to accommodate the "overwhelming demand" by adding tour dates and redesigning the stage to add more seats to venues.

For the most recent crop of tickets released Tuesday, the Hip limited the number of tickets that could be purchased at one time to just two per order.

But the team remains silent on what steps were taken to block ticket bots. We asked Eggplant and Live Nation what they did specifically to prevent scalping. Live Nation's Davis declined to comment. Again, Eggplant never responded.

For its part, Ticketmaster has come out against ticket bots in the past and has supported anti-bot legislation.

In an interview in May with tech blog Recode, Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino said 90 per cent of purchases during the first few minutes of a hot sale are bots.

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A neighbourhood within a neighbourhood, King's Wharf is a part of the downtown Dartmouth renaissance that includes Two If By Sea Café, Battery Park Beer Bar, independently owned fashion boutiques, a theatre and a farmers' market at Alderney. King's Wharf also has its own community thanks to Il Trullo Restaurant, JustUs Coffee Shop, Grund Designer Goldsmith, an artist in residence and a law firm. Other planned shops and services include Le Marche Fruit Boutique, a market-style convenience store that opens this summer.



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# Reviewing Dory with dad



The kids agree: Hank the Squid (voiced by Ed O'Neill) is a favourite character. CONTRIBUTED

## PERSONAL ESSAY

### Metro writer asks his sons to deliver verdict on film

**Chris Alexander**  
For Metro Canada



It is this writer's opinion that when a film critic is charged with reviewing a children's movie, it always helps if, y'know, he or she brings a child with them.

It should be essential, in fact. Because without the eyes of a kidlet beside you, without watching them watch the movie, how else can you properly appreciate and evaluate a work designed to please that very demographic?

So, on that note, I took two of my own little movie-mad lads (the apple

don't fall far when it comes to loving cinema) with me to the preview screening of Disney Pixar's latest animated effort, *Finding Dory*, the highly buzzed follow-up to 2003's *Finding Nemo*, which takes an essential supporting character from the original picture, little forgetful fish Dory (voiced beautifully by Ellen DeGeneres) and gives her her own epic under sea adventure.

*Finding Dory* fleshes out, in flashback, Dory's tragi-comic backstory, with her parents Charlie (Eugene Levy, who was in fact present at the screening) and Jenny (Diane Keaton) trying to train the blue fish to defy her unfortunate short term memory affliction so she'll be able to live a happy, productive life.

When Dory mysteriously finds herself separated from her loving mom and dad, events from the first movie bleed into the story and soon, Dory is living with Nemo and his dad Marlon (Albert Brooks). But

when Dory suddenly begins to get flashes of memory of her long lost family, she and her friends launch a crusade to find them, an adventure that is by turns hilarious and moving and always immaculately realized, especially in lush 3D.

After the show, little Elliot (who is seven), Ben (who is five years old), and I shared our thoughts on the film.

**The family review team, from left, Elliot, Chris and Ben.**

CHRIS ALEXANDER



**It made me sad sometimes but also happy**  
Ben, 5

## THREE TAKES

**Elliot, 7**  
For Metro Canada



I liked it better than *Finding Nemo*. It was funny and also really exciting. I really loved Hank the Squid (Ed O'Neill), because he's kind of a jerk at first but then he starts to care about Dory and helps her. I also liked how Nemo and his dad were in it again, helping Dory this time like she helped them in part one. I thought the part where Dory was lost and upset at the end was kind of scary, though.

**Ben, 5**  
For Metro Canada



It was beautiful. It was kind of like (Tomm Moore's haunting animated film) *Song of the Sea* (which is Ben's favorite movie) because of the pretty music and it made me miss my mommy and made me sad sometimes but also happy. I really liked Hank the Squid and the funny whale shark Destiny and the way she kept bumping into things and talking to Dory in Whale language.

## Dad's review

The boys are right. *Finding Dory* is ample funny and action-packed but it's also incredibly emotional, with a dark, haunting sequence towards the end that made me tear up and hold the lads close. And, as is the norm with Pixar, there's plenty of subtext here for the adults. The film is an allegory about special needs children and the things they can accomplish when they are loved and encouraged by their family and peers. It's the perfect family film, enriching and expanding the world directors Andrew Stanton and Lee Unkrich developed in the first movie.

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## COEUR DE PIRATE

### Singer comes out after Orlando shooting

Montreal indie pop singer Beatrice Martin, known as Coeur de Pirate, says the Orlando shootings have motivated her to come out as a queer woman.

In a blog entry posted on Vice's music website Noisey, the musician outlines how soul searching in the days after 49 people were killed and 53 injured at the Pulse nightclub pushed her to be more honest.

"I can't be scared that someone will stop listening to my music, or that parents might not want their kids listening to me because of the fact that I want to

love whoever I want to love," the 26-year-old singer wrote.

"I'm coming out for my daughter who needs to learn that love knows no race, religion, gender or orientation."

The Juno-nominated singer's letter recounts her past struggles with debating whether to speak publicly about her sexual orientation. She tells about her first romantic feelings for a girl when she was around seven years old and how she eventually began to repress her feelings for women.

"I settled for a heterosexual lifestyle because I

was scared of rejection," she said.

But it was Sunday's shootings in Orlando, and the young adults who may have still been closeted, which ultimately led her to come out.

"Some families must have learned about a loved one's true sexuality along with their deaths."

"The victims were robbed of the choice to come out on their own terms," she said. "I'm coming out for the victims that lost their lives because they wanted to celebrate who they truly were."

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**In a blog entry, Coeur de Pirate recounted past struggles with debating whether to come out as a queer woman.**

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**With canals and romance, this city is the Venice of China**

**Jennifer Weatherhead Harrington**  
For Metro Canada

If you find yourself in Shanghai looking to escape the hustle, just two hours away by car is the romantic city of Suzhou, with stunning canals, gardens and temples.

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Next, drive into Old Town to visit Humble Administrator's Garden, Suzhou's largest, most famed garden.

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No trip to Suzhou is complete without a canal ride.

locally made textiles in the silk capital of the world before taking in a traditional show at Kun Opera where performers sing about love and heartache while you sip on freshly brewed tea.

You can't be in the Venice of China without taking a canal ride. Request an early-morning wakeup on Day 2 and bus or taxi to the area of Tongli. Hire a gondola and spend the afternoon cruising the calm waters.

Afterwards, cross over the famous Taiping, Jili and Changqing archway bridges and, as legend has it, you'll be granted good luck for your future wedding. Then walk the water's edge, populated with shops and casual food options for lunch.

Freshly made dumplings are seemingly at every second stand and you'll smell the traditional "Stinky Tofu" dish as you wander — if you're brave, give the fermented fave a try.

A dinner at intimate vegetarian restaurant Xi Shan Tang allows you to explore the local cuisine options outside of noodles and tofu. Be sure to book well in advance as they are reservation only.

Day three's journey should be to Tiger Hill. The impressive Bonsai tree garden boasts hundreds of the trees, including one that's more than 400 years old. Then make your way to the 1,000-year-old Tiger Hill Pagoda Huqiu Tower, which is older than the Leaning Tower of Pisa and features an even more dramatic lean.

A stop on your way back to the hotel at a traditional tea plantation and tea house to learn the art of Biluochun, or green, tea making will give you a new appreciation for the much-loved drink.

End your weekend with a meal at the ultra luxe Lamborghini Hotel. The set French menu of pan-roasted lobster, foie gras and truffle mushroom soup will cost you, but the splurge is worth it.

### MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

## Seaside strolls and so much steak

Uruguay's capital city, Montevideo, may not be as well-known to international travellers as some of Latin America's other destinations. But there's plenty here to see and do, and it's a relatively short hop and worthy side trip from Buenos Aires.

Laid-back and friendly, Montevideo has a mellow vibe. Experience it as you savour a tasty chivito (steak sandwich) at a sidewalk café, or on a sunny stroll along a wide sandy beach. Here are a few suggestions on making the most of your visit.

### What's new?

The renovated Mercado Agrícola, 2220 Jose L. Terra, has everything from asado (barbecued meat) to gelato to hand-crafted gifts. It can be less crowded than the more-famous Mercado del Puerto and is home to cafés and

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### Classic attractions

Although it can get busy, the Mercado del Puerto in the Ciudad Vieja (old city) is worth a visit. A popular spot for asado is El Palenque.

For a dose of history, try the Legislative Palace. Highlights include uniformed guards watching over the glass case containing the national constitution.

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### TRAVEL TIPS

Uruguayans eat dinner late, as late as 11 p.m. on weekends, but you can find places ready to feed you by 8 p.m. (though it will be quiet if you're that early). The city feels relatively safe, but be alert, especially at night.

(available in English) at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Enter from Avenida General Flores.

Plaza Independencia (Independence Square), at the beginning of Avenida 18 de Julio is a good place to take photographs.

### Hanging out

The Rambla runs about 27 kilo-

metres along Montevideo's coastline. Take a stroll or rent a bike to explore the wide, sandy beaches.

Walking around the old city is the best way to take in the city's mix of architecture; the pedestrian thoroughfare, Peatonal Sarandi, is the main drag and will take you past art galleries, shops and street stalls.

Check out the traditional calabash gourds and metal straws used to imbibe yerba mate (ma-TAY). The drink is hugely popular and it's common to see people walking with gourd in hand and a vacuum flask of hot water tucked under their arm.

On Sunday mornings you'll find an open air market on Tristán Narvaja and surrounding streets, starting near Avenida 18 de Julio.

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A variety of architectural styles can be found in Uruguay's charming capital city. MICHELLE LOAKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sweden is your oyster in Gothenburg

## SEAFOOD

## Former shipping town reinvents itself

**Vawn Himmelsbach**  
For Torstar News Service

Stepping into the fish market, I wish I had put more effort into my hair and makeup. Sure, people come here to buy fish — but this is Scandinavia. And as I'm discovering, they do things differently here.

Feskekörka literally means "fish church" in Swedish.

Built in 1874, this market was designed to look like a Norwegian stave church, with slanted eaves and arched windows — a testament to the importance of fishing in the port city of Gothenburg.

But stepping into feskekörka isn't exactly a trip back in time. With its clean lines and white-painted wood, it reflects the Scandinavian sense of modern, minimalist cool. There's no fishy smell. And it's as spic and span as a doctor's office.

Walking past the neatly ar-



**Johan Malm is the chef and proprietor of Restaurant Gabriel, located in Gothenburg's stylish fish market, Feskekörka (which literally translates to fish church). Many of Sweden's best chefs hail from Gothenburg.** CONTRIBUTED

ranged displays of salmon, mackerel, herring and bass to the end of the market hall, I climb a flight of stairs leading to Restaurant Gabriel. But there are no wrinkled, weathered fishermen here — instead, the place is run by young Swedes with

hipster beards and plenty of ink. And they're serious about their seafood.

This is where you can find the rare Swedish oyster. "It's a delicacy from the west coast but it's very hard to find," said foodie guide Jesper Adolfsson,

who runs a tour company called Matvandringen (matvandringen.se). "This is one of only two or three places where you can get it in Sweden."

Indeed, only about 400 oysters are harvested on the west coast of Sweden each week. The Klem-

### HAGA DISTRICT

In the Haga district and the blocks around pedestrian-friendly Magasinsgatan, you'll discover trendy Swedish brands alongside galleries, coffee bars and hidden nooks with popup lunchtime dance parties. Look for the "secret" Victoriapassagen, a lane between Vallgatan and Sodra Larmgatan, where you can sample Sweden's best chocolate from Flickorna Kanold.

ming brothers, Bengt and Peter, run a diving company and are responsible for harvesting the oyster beds that lie on the privately owned sea floor between Hamburgsund and Stromstad. They supply about 80 to 90 per cent of Sweden's oysters, and most of them end up at Restaurant Gabriel.

Johan Malm, the restaurant's chef and proprietor, also happens to be the winner of the 2010 Galway World Oyster Opening Championships. At his restaurant, I sample one of these rare

flat oysters. I'm instructed not to swallow it whole, like I'm accustomed to — in Sweden, diners chew their oysters, and they don't add any toppings such as horseradish or a squeeze of lemon.

And I don't need any. After all, the seafood here is considered some of the best in the world, thanks to the clean, icy cold waters, where fish take longer to grow and develop fuller flavours.

The oyster goes down well with a thick, dark Ostronporter — a porter-style beer brewed with actual oysters (if you want to go really wild, try "black velvet," a mix of Ostronporter and Champagne).

The fish church — like the rest of Gothenburg — is a surprise. Sweden's second-largest city was once known for its shipyards, but that all came to a dramatic end in the '70s, when the shipping industry moved to China. The demise of its shipyards "left the riverbank deserted and empty and we have had to reinvent our identity," said Gothenburg guide Erika Svenske.

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### Getting lost in St. John's, a city that is literally full of beans

This is a city of storytellers. Writers, actors, musicians, even the cabbie who tells you the word "sex" is spelled out in the lights of the city — there are stories and the people who tell them everywhere you look.

In her award-winning novels and short stories, Lisa Moore has written beautifully about her hometown of St. John's — everything from describing the grit of a downtown alley in *Alligator* to her high school, *Holy Heart of Mary*, in her latest book, *Flannery*.

"I tend to write about the places I've been in a day and what I'm seeing," she says outside Fixed Coffee + Baking on Duckworth Street, a popular spot for actors, musicians and writers to fuel their creativity.

"I like to be in public places and capture how people shift and move and the expressions that come over their faces."

Walking down George St., the site of endless late-night stories, you'll hear the band at Rob Roy doing Springsteen, the fellas in Greensleeves belting out some Barenaked Ladies and the crowd over at O'Reilly's playing traditional music.

But keep walking if you want to catch local bands, such as Green and Gold, Fog Lake or Jonny and the Cowabungas playing at the bars tucked away in Holdsworth Court.

"It's a funny spot, it's not on George Street, technically," says Micah Brown, a musician and co-organizer of the Shed Island music festival held in August in St. John's. "If you didn't know it was there, you'd walk right past it, but on any given night there are a couple hundred people up in those bars listening to music."

But if you want to get "screeched-in" that is, kiss a cod and take a shot of rum,



**It's a great place for research, but don't tell anyone.**

Lisa Moore, author



The sun sets on George Street, but the live music plays on right through the night. CONTRIBUTED

you'll have to head to a bar on George Street.

"It's sort of like some consensual hazing. It's a fun tradition," explains Brown, a P.E.I. native who was screeched-in a few years ago.

"I like to think it started in a kitchen when somebody's cousin was visiting: 'Oh, Jeremy from Toronto is up here and if you wanna fit in, you gotta kiss a fish'."

Note that no Newfoundlander

actually kisses a fish. They just watch as mainlanders do.

St. John's singer-songwriter Joanna Barker, meanwhile, grew up hearing the remarkable story of her great-great-grandfather, Michael Power. He was born in Ireland and as a young man he committed a crime of some sort.

"It could have been a bar brawl, could have been murder. We don't know," says Barker. "What we do know is this story."

The story is he was sentenced to life and sent to Australia. But on the way over, there was a fierce storm and somehow, Power saved the captain's wife from drowning. He was rewarded with a pardon. "He escaped a life sentence in prison and started a new life on Bell Island, Nfld.," says Barker.

Wondering about "Jellybean Row?" As a youngster, Geoff Meeker and his buddies would get hassled by the tough kids

who lived in the rough houses in downtown St. John's.

Those tough kids have moved on, replaced by tourists taking pictures of the brightly painted houses on steep streets — known as "Jellybean Row."

The nickname started in the 1980s, a decade or so after a heritage group started buying up a few run-down Victorian houses downtown.

"They fixed one up and gave it nice trim and painted it bright colours and bought the house next to it and did the same thing," says Meeker, the proprietor of Jellybean Row Shop and Gallery on Duckworth St.

The bright colours hearken back to earlier days when people who lived in the houses would use up their leftover boat paint.

"Boat paint was bright so it would stand out in the water and what was left would go on the houses," says Meeker. "It just started spreading by itself, like a cold. Everyone started doing it." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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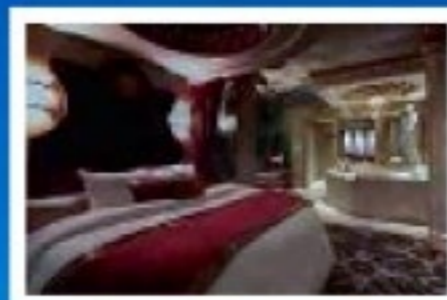


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The Los Angeles Kings named Anze Kopitar their new captain Thursday, taking the job away from longtime captain Dustin Brown



## Substitution subterfuge

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### Pair of half-time changes score decisive goals for England

Five days after his substitutions failed to secure three points against Russia, England coach Roy Hodgson made no mistake with his halftime choices against Wales at the European Championship.

Hodgson, who has a reputation for being conservative in his tactics, finished Thursday's game with three forwards up front, supported by Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney as a playmaker.

#### GROUP B In Lens



Two of those substitutes, Jamie Vardy and Daniel Sturridge, scored in a 2-1 comeback win that transforms England's campaign in Group B.

"We made the decision (on the substitutes) early. It was the right decision," Hodgson said.

"We were anxious to inject a little bit more tempo and pace into our game, and we were anxious to persuade the players to take a few more risks and to show more confidence in themselves," Hodgson said.

Trailing 1-0 after Gareth Bale again found the net with a



**1** Daniel Sturridge scored the winner at the end for England. DAN MULLAN/GETTY IMAGES **2** Robert Lewandowski's Poland held Germany 0-0. FRANCK FIFE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES **3** Gareth McAuley scored the opener as Northern Ireland eliminated Ukraine. ODD ANDERSEN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES **4** Northern Ireland's players wore black armbands and fans gave applause in the 24th minute in tribute to supporter Darren Rodgers who died in a fall following Sunday's loss. Sadly, Thursday's win was dampened by the death of a second Northern Ireland fan inside Parc Olympique Lyonnais stadium. JEFF PACHOUD/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

long-range free kick, Hodgson replaced Harry Kane and Raheem Sterling at the break for Vardy and Sturridge.

Vardy equalized just 11 minutes later, and Sturridge won it in stoppage time.

Teenage striker Marcus Rashford also came in for Adam Lallana in the 73rd minute.

Vardy is coming off an astonishing season in which he helped Leicester defy 5,000-to-1 odds to become Premier League champions.

The

boldness of Hodgson's decisions contrasted with Saturday's 1-1 draw with Russia.

Then, he waited till the 78th minute to replace Rooney with Jack Wilshire, and until the 87th to send on James Milner for Sterling. Leading 1-0 at the time, England conceded a stoppage time equalizer.

In Saint-Denis, Germany and Poland played out the first goalless draw

of the Euros in a dour match at the Stade de France.

And in Lyon, Northern Ireland won its first game on Thursday, 2-0 over Ukraine.

Northern Ireland's victory — its first in a major competition in 34 years — combined with the later 0-0 draw left Ukraine unable to advance from Group C.

Building on a strong finish to the first half, centre back Gareth McAuley put Northern Ireland ahead on a header from an Oliver Norwood free kick in the 49th. Substitute Niall McGinn added the

second deep in stoppage time.

The win, which followed a 1-0 defeat to Poland in its first game, is Northern Ireland's first since beating host Spain in the 1982 World Cup. It also means the team has a good chance of qualifying for the knockout stage.

"It has been a long time," the 36-year-old McAuley said. "We talked about leaving a legacy from this tournament. A few years down the line when I am finished and I look back on it, it will be extra special. It's just sinking in, and now it means staying in the tournament."

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### 30 metres

Gareth Bale, Wales' undisputed star, has thundered in free kick goals in each of his team's two matches.

After a fairly insipid first half performance, the Real Madrid winger gave Wales the lead against England on Thursday in the 42nd minute with a curling and dipping 30-metre effort that left goalkeeper Joe Hart baffled five minutes before halftime.



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#### IN BRIEF

##### Storms suspend first round of U.S. Open

Storms that took plenty of bite out of Oakmont wound up shutting down the U.S. Open on Thursday.

The first round was suspended for the third and final time just as 28-year-old qualifier Andrew Landry was finishing up a dream round in his debut at golf's toughest test.

Coming off two straight bogeys, Landry hit his approach into about 10 feet on the ninth hole for a birdie attempt when the horn sounded as a violent storm approached. He was in the lead at 3 under par.

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Andrew Landry  
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##### Canada asks for continued ban on Russian track team

Athletics Canada wants the ban of Russia's track and field team to continue.

The governing body of track and field in Canada has sent a letter to IAAF president Sebastian Coe asking for the suspension of Russia's track and field team because of widespread doping allegations be upheld.

The IAAF is expected to announce Friday in Vienna whether Russia will be reinstated for the Summer Games in Rio in August.

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##### Gasol's Zika fear leads to thoughts of freezing sperm

Spain's Pau Gasol says he will consider freezing a sperm sample because of concerns over Zika if he decides to play in the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Gasol says "freezing sperm is one of the measures I have to consider."

The 35-year-old Chicago Bulls centre has yet to commit to playing for Spain. Gasol has led Spain to two consecutive silver medals after losing to the United States in the 2008 and 2012 finals.

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Rory MacDonald, right, lost a bloody championship match to Robbie Lawler last July. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# MacDonald out for blood

## UFC Canadian fighter in main event of Ottawa Fight Night

Rory (Red King) MacDonald's analysis of his UFC main event showdown Saturday night with Stephen (Wonderboy) Thompson managed to be both pithy and more than a little chilling. "It's going to be a technical

fight," the 26-year-old Canadian told reporters Thursday. "There will definitely be bloodshed."

MacDonald (18-3-0) knows of what he speaks. His last fight in July 2015 was a five-round blood-fest with 170-pound champion (Ruthless) Robbie Lawler that left the challenger looking like he had just put in a double-shift in a slaughterhouse.

His face was a bloody mask above a torso that resembled a crimson-spattered Jackson Pollock canvas. His nose was a far cry from what it had looked

like just a half-hour previously. The battered champion, his lip sliced open like he had fallen into a table saw, didn't look much better.

Lawler eventually prevailed in what was deemed fight of the year, an honour that speaks volumes about the sport of mixed martial arts.

MacDonald, ranked No. 1 among welterweight contenders, and No. 2 Thompson are friendly having spent time together some years ago when Thompson, a former world champion kickboxer,

used to come to Montreal's Tristar Gym to help former champion Georges St-Pierre prepare for his fights.

"It kind of sucks," Thompson said of fighting a friend.

MacDonald was less warm and fuzzy.

"We've been friendly for years," he said. "But we're also competitors. Right now that takes precedent."

Or, as he put it another way: "I'm here to hurt this guy and take what's mine."

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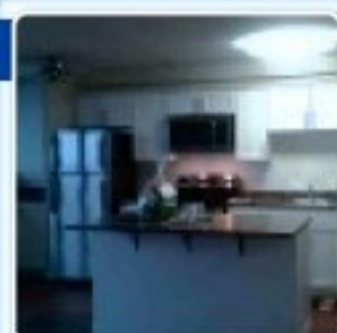
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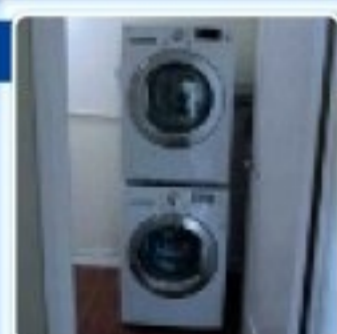
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# **RECIPE** Apple Pie Pancakes



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

Celebrate the weekend with a dinner that's one part breakfast, one part dessert.

## **Ready in**

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes

## **Ingredients**

- 1 cup spelt flour
- 1 cup oat flour
- 2 tps baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 2 Tbsps brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup applesauce
- 2 Tbsps butter, melted
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 Gala apple, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsps butter
- 1 Tbsps brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon

## **Directions**

**1.** In a bowl, whisk flours, baking powder, soda, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk milk, buttermilk, egg, applesauce, butter and vanilla extract. Combine wet ingredients into flour mixture and stir. Let batter rest in refrigerator a few minutes.

**2.** Add a tablespoon of butter into a skillet over medium heat. Allow to melt and for pan to get hot. Working in batches, ladle batter into skillet and cook pancakes until bubbles appear on surface. Flip and cook another minute or two. Remove pancakes and keep warm in the oven. Repeat until you've used up the batter.

**4.** In a separate skillet, melt the butter over medium-low heat and mix in sugar. Add apples and sprinkle with cinnamon. Cook until apples are tender crisp, about 4 minutes. Serve the apple mixture over warm pancakes.

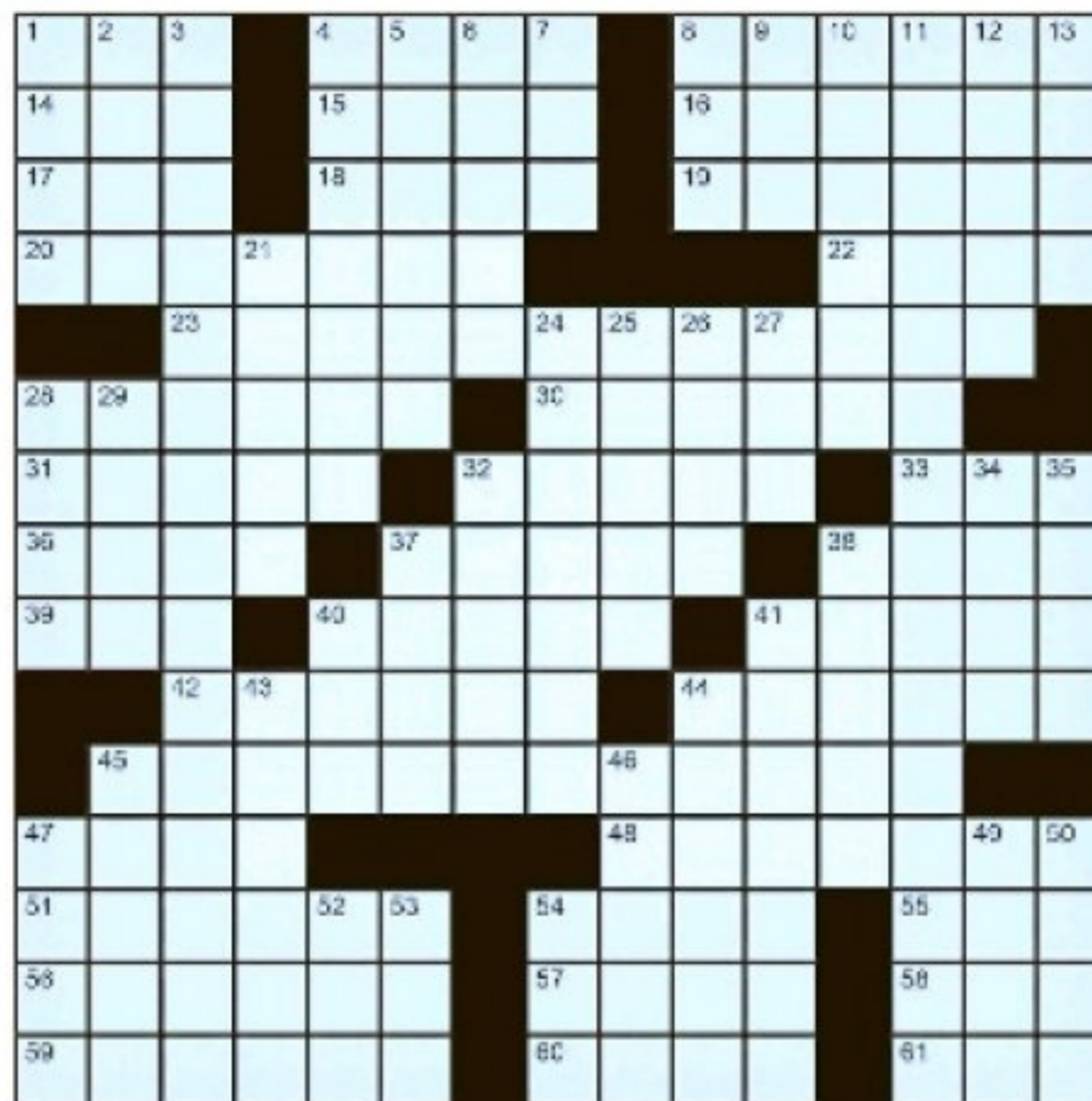
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# **CROSSWORD** Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## **ACROSS**

1. DreamWorks \_\_\_\_
4. Bullfighter's cloak
8. Deepnesses
14. Jeff Lynne's gr.
15. Detail
16. Mr. Keitel
17. "Those details are a bit over the top for my ears!"
18. Canuck politician
19. Byword
20. Guts
22. Cleveland basketballers, briefly
23. R. Buckminster Fuller's architectural design for the U.S. Pavilion at Expo 67 in Montreal: 2 wds.
28. Lake edges
30. Principal dancer at the Paris Opera Ballet
31. Attach: 2 wds.
32. "Mr. Dress-up" puppet
33. \_\_\_\_Fi
36. Roads, e.g.
37. Canada's highest mountain
38. Fantastic, in slang
39. Oui, in English
40. Really on trend: 2 wds.
41. Barbarians
42. Sounded off
44. \_\_\_\_ House (Manitoba community originally an HBC trading post)
45. Made-in-England for Canada... John Atkinson, the manufacturer of the Hudson's Bay iconic Point Blanket, is a brand of what since-1783 British textiles company? initials + surname



47. Amer./Brit./Canuck rock supergr.
48. Fugitive's refuge
51. "Doogie \_\_\_\_ M.D."
54. Business: 'Big Board', briefly
55. Barn abode
56. "Seinfeld" role
57. Baltic Sea feeder

58. Faucet
59. Car maker
60. Rock's rug
61. "Murder, \_\_\_\_ Wrote"

## **DOWN**

1. Son of Ramses I
2. \_\_\_\_H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

3. Not following the crowd: 4 wds.
4. French car manufacturer
5. Conflicting: 2 wds.
6. As such: 2 wds.
7. Ms. Adams
8. "Splash" (1984) actress \_\_\_\_her initials-

9. 'Arbor' suffix
10. "A Whiter Shade of Pale" by \_\_\_\_Harum
11. Monty Hall of Winnipeg and Alex Trebek of Sudbury, e.g.: 4 wds.
12. Raise
13. Thesaurus en-

- tries, briefly
21. Houston's former hockey team
24. Neptune and Poseidon: 2 wds.
25. "Where \_\_\_\_" by Beck
26. Hollywood's Ethan or Joel
27. Handyman's letters
28. \_\_\_\_ or neuter
29. Honeymooner's home
32. Canadian poet/songwriter Leonard
34. Fashion model Ms. Delevingne
35. \_\_\_\_bitsy
37. Ms. Anderson
38. Door: French
40. "Chandelier" singer
41. Boundaries
43. Rehabilitation component, commonly
44. Rackets
45. Embarking on \_\_\_\_ career (Band member's undertaking)
46. "\_\_\_\_ Fools Fall in Love" by Frankie Lyman & The Teenagers
47. Country legend Mr. Atkins
49. Beehive State
50. Sort
52. Lord of the Rings being
53. Actor Stephen
54. Montreal 'name'

# **\*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Avoid important discussions about politics, religion or racial issues, because you're not in the right frame of mind for this. Someone can make you doubt your beliefs. (This is temporary.)

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
This is a poor day to discuss inheritances, shared property or details about insurance matters, because there might be confusion, or even deceit. Certainly, there is hesitation.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Avoid important discussions with partners and close friends, because even ordinary life details are confusing today. Someone might discourage you. Just accept this for today.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Don't make a big issue about anything at work today. Everyone, including you, is doing the best he or she can. But today, anybody's best is not enough.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Romance might disappoint you today. Something you thought was solid now looks shaky! Don't get your belly in a rash. This is a shaky day for everyone.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Things that you thought were solid and dependable at home now look uncertain. Don't worry, because this shaky time is temporary. Hold your ground.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Quite likely, you have feelings of self doubt today. You might question your ability to do something. Don't worry — this feeling is temporary. (Millions feel this way today.)

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Avoid important financial decisions, because you might not have all the facts, or you're confused about what you hear and see. Easy does it. It's temporary.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Today your objectives are unclear; this is a fact. You might even feel incapable of coping with ordinary tasks. Don't worry, because this is par for the course today. Chill out.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You might have a crisis of confidence today. Where you once felt strong, suddenly you're not so sure. Don't worry, because this is a fleeting dark cloud on your horizon. Trust me.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Don't take it personally if a friend disappoints you today. (This person might be disappointed in you as well.) Basically, lots of people are disappointed today — it is what it is.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
This is a poor day for important discussions with bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. You won't make a good impression. (The joke is that they are confused too! Go figure.)

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